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BOMB THROWN AT RAF BUILDING IN ISMAILIA

Ismailia, Nov. 25. A terrorist hurled a bomb at an Air Force headquarters building here tonight. It exploded in a doorway, shattering windows and splitting the masonry.

Wing Commander Barker, local British Air Chief, was struck on the foot by a small piece of shrapnel. His escort fired at the terrorist but he escaped on a bicycle.

The Royal Air Force Office the last British Service families was being closed for the last time when the bomb was thrown. Wing Commander Barker was supervising the last stages of the Air Force evacuation of Ismailia.

'The Woman In Black' Killed

Port Said, Nov. 25. Five young Egyptians were in prison tonight on suspicion of having taken part in an ambush of a British lorry here.

One of them was wounded. The British Military Authorities said that the lorry was ambushed by about 12 young Egyptians, one of whom was seen to be carrying a Sten gun, and another a revolver.

Nobody in the truck was wounded. When the fire was returned the Egyptians fled.

Five were seen to enter a nearby Coast Guard station. British troops quickly surrounded the station and the Egyptian Police were informed. Major Rushdady, Chief of Port Said's Police Special Branch, searched the premises and found five Egyptians, one of whom was wounded. The Egyptians, however, carried no arms. They are now in custody.

A Royal Navy boarding party rushed to the 8,189-ton tanker, British Commando, in a fast motorboat when she reported that Egyptian police had boarded her.

But the police had left when the sailors climbed aboard. Details of this incident, which occurred on Saturday morning, were released today.

The tanker, belonging to the British Tanker Company, was carrying aviation fuel for the Royal Air Force in the Canal Zone. She was refused clearance papers by the local customs authorities.

After the incident, a constant patrol was kept up round her until she sailed in a dawn convoy.—Reuter.

CHURCHILL MAY RESIGN HIS DEFENCE POST

London, Nov. 25. Mr. Winston Churchill, who is 77 next Friday, is expected to resign from his secondary job as Britain's Defence Minister within the next few months, authoritative sources said tonight.

The sources said that Mr. Churchill, who started his second month in office today, might step down from the defence post when he returns from his conference in January with President Truman and the Canadian Prime Minister, Mr. Louis St. Laurent.

The name of Mr. Churchill's successor, if there is to be one at all, is still under speculation.—United Press.

Flood Damage Poses New Problem

Rovigo, Nov. 25. Disrupted sewage systems, weakened buildings and a lack of drinking water posed new threats today in the flooded Po Valley.

Health, Army and Police officials opened an intensified campaign to save thousands from spreading disease and building collapses.

More than 100,000 persons have been made homeless by the floods, which started 17 days ago, and the unofficial death toll has climbed past 150. Damage is counted in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Floor victims clinging to rooftops and staying in the upper stories of flooded houses were being removed by authorities.

Typoid and other diseases were reported spreading from broken sewage systems in the Po delta, where the greatest damage has resulted from the North Italy flood.

W. Averell Harriman, US Director of Mutual Security, arrived in Rome today for North Atlantic Treaty Organisation meetings with word that \$1,000,000 will be made available at once to help the Italian government buy medicines and other supplies for flood victims.

At Adria, where some 20,000 of the 35,000 population have been evacuated, sewage backed up and made continued residence impossible. Health authorities reported, but several thousand stubbornly resisted orders to leave.—Associated Press.

Outlook Gloomy For World Disarmament Agreement

COMPROMISE POSSIBILITIES JEOPARDISED

Paris, Nov. 25. United Nations delegation leaders spent the Sunday recess trying to dredge some hope of a Russian compromise on Western big three disarmament proposals from Saturday's speech by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vyshinsky.

The outlook was gloomy. The UN Assembly's Political Committee prepared to buckle down to many days of debate, trying to evaluate Russian amendments which hauled Soviet plans up to the top of the heap instead of letting them remain until last.

One-fourth of the UN's membership of 60 nations had lined up behind the Western plan in the Political Committee's lagging debate last week.

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Plan View-From 200ft



Only the rim of a platform and a handrail separate two of London's loftiest citizens from ground level—200ft below. The men are completing the job of dismantling the radar equipment on top of the Shot Tower at the South Bank Festival of Britain exhibition site.—Reuter photo.

Freighter Plane Lost

Nicosia, Nov. 25. A Bristol aircraft flying here from Athens has been missing for over 24 hours.

The air freighter was on a normal flight to Karachi, as well as to have stopped here overnight, an Air Force spokesman said.

A search over a wide area of the East Mediterranean by all types of Royal Air Force planes all day yielded no result, the spokesman said.

Visibility was excellent during the morning but storms developed this afternoon.

The search stopped at dusk. An Air Force spokesman said that it would be resumed tomorrow.

He could give no details of the number of people aboard.—Reuter.

TRAINS IN COLLISION

Orchard, Idaho, Nov. 25. Two freight trains crashed head-on in the desolate wasteland near here today, knocking 43 cars off the tracks and killing five crew members in the second major wreck within two weeks on the Union Pacific Railway.

Officials of the line said the five men died in a thundering crash which hurled cars from the rails with such force that one carload of cattle were killed.

The crash occurred at about 7 a.m. It was Union Pacific's second major accident in less than two weeks. On November 12, the streamlined City of San Francisco smashed into the rear of the City of Los Angeles in a blizzard near Evanston, Wyoming. Seventeen persons were killed and more than 50 injured then.

A spokesman said today's crash occurred near the station at Orchard, 20 miles east of Boise, on the main line between Portland, Oregon, and Pocatello, Idaho.—United Press.

Prison Escape By Gangsters

Havana, Nov. 25. Four gangsters escaped from Havana's main jail today with the aid of members of their gang armed with tommy guns and grenades.

The gangsters' friends, clad in police and army officers' uniforms, arrived outside the prison in cars.

With tommy guns and grenades they forced prison guards to get on to the ground, face down, while the four prisoners climbed down a knotted rope from the upper window of the prison's hospital.—Reuter.

Britain's Economic Problems

Butler Has Talks With Snyder

Rome, Nov. 25. Britain's Treasury chief, Mr. R. A. Butler, arranged today to see Mr. John W. Snyder, his American opposite number, with the idea of seeking US help for the wobbly British economy.

Official sources refused to detail precisely what Mr. Butler intends to discuss with Mr. Snyder.

They expressed the view, however, that one question sure to be touched on is whether Britain intends meeting, or waiving, an interest payment of \$75,000,000 due December 31 on the 1946 American loan.

A British government decision on the question may well hinge on the outcome of the Butler-Snyder talk, the informants said. Right now, they added, all the signs point to the British exercising their waiver right because they claim they cannot afford to do otherwise.

Mr. Butler is seeing Mr. Snyder at the American Embassy on Monday. Both are here for North Atlantic Treaty Organisation sessions.

OTHER QUESTIONS

Other questions likely to come up:

1. Britain's bid to get a share of an estimated \$1,500,000,000 worth of economic help which W. Averell Harriman, US mutual security agency head, has the power to distribute to American allies in Europe.

2. Britain's claim of a big chunk of the United States' nearly \$9,000,000,000 military aid programme for the current fiscal year.

Mr. Winston Churchill's government already has served notice on the US that the three-year \$13,160,000,000 British arms programme cannot be fulfilled without American help.

The British hope to get much of their economic and military help in the form of scarce raw materials needed urgently for the arms programme. Steel, gasoline, possibly coal are among these materials.

Other supplies needed include machine tools, industrial components, military equipment of various kinds and light and heavy aircraft.—Associated Press.

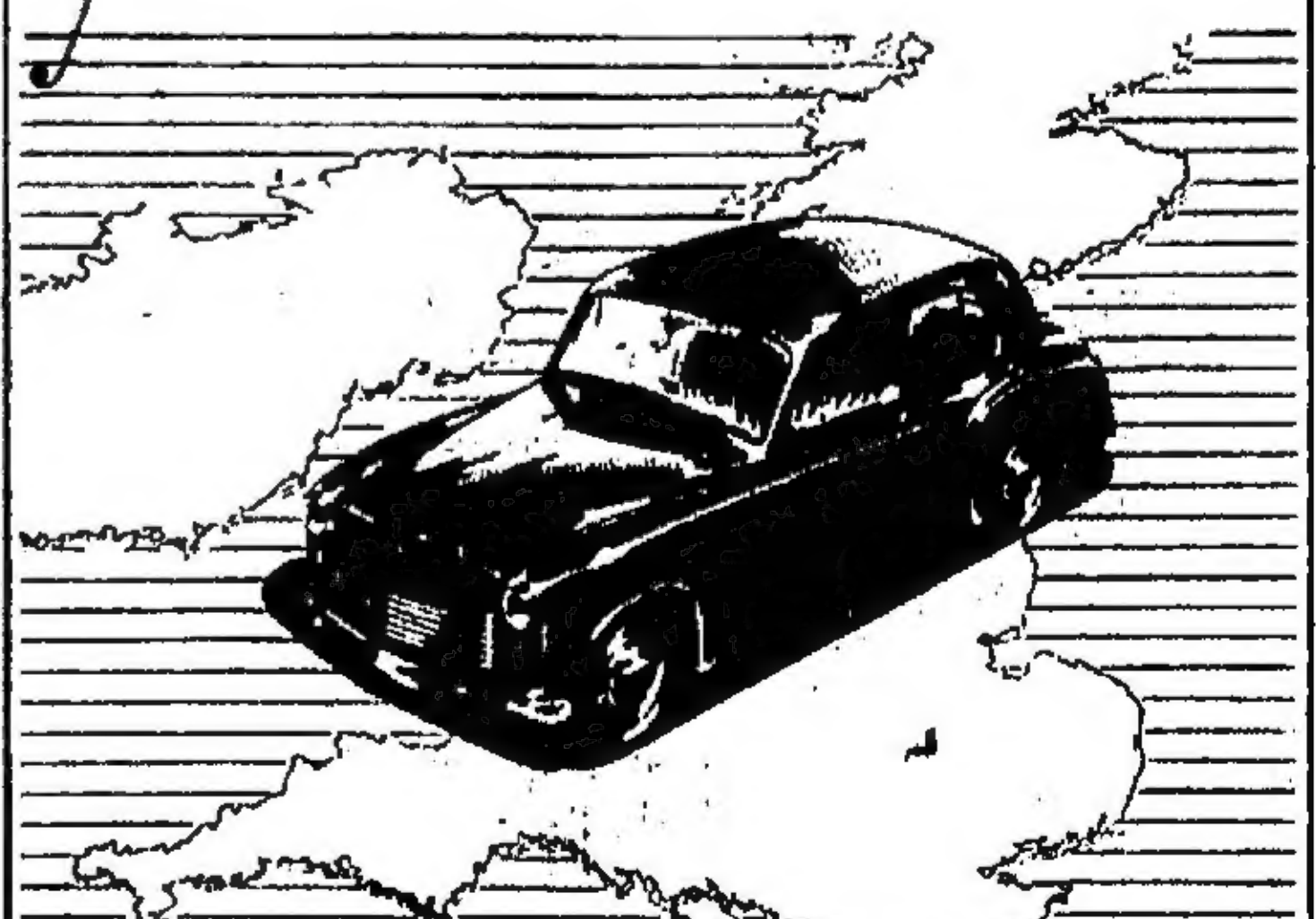
COMMENT OF THE DAY

Mr Churchill's Opportunity

THE projected visit of Mr. Winston Churchill to Washington has a special significance viewed against the background of the existing tense international situation, and his talks with President Truman may have a momentous effect on world peace. There is little doubt that Mr. Churchill will raise the subject of trying to arrange a meeting between himself, Mr. Truman and President Stalin for what may be the last endeavour to compose East and West differences on the highest possible level. Britain's Prime Minister will probably have a hard task convincing Mr. Truman that any such meeting would achieve desired results. It would be wrong to infer that the President will be just plain stubborn next January when Mr. Churchill introduces this subject, but, in American parlance, he will have to be "shown." At present the signs are Mr. Truman is opposed to the idea, and he is similarly mistrustful of a lone mission to Moscow by Mr. Churchill. Nor is this merely the personal opinion of the President; it also reflects the considered views of top American policy-makers. The essential fact is that the American Government is frightened of what a Churchill-Stalin meeting might produce. They have expressed the fear that if it resulted in apparent Russian concessions, it would bring about a dangerous let-down in the Western rearmament drive before Russia's sincerity had been fully established. Moreover, they believe that if Mr. Churchill drew a blank in Moscow, it would militate against a more gradual settlement of East-West differences, and would strengthen the hand of the "preventive war" advocates

in the United States. This attitude suggests that Mr. Truman will be ready with a friendly "Show Me" when Mr. Churchill starts talking about negotiations with Russia at the highest level, and about the Prime Minister's plans for turning profitless propaganda sniping into a serious and hopeful effort to arrange a settlement with the East. Another influencing factor is that the Churchill-Truman talks will take place during the opening of Congress and at the start of an election year. American Government policy is always limited by the wishes of Congress and in an election year the American Congress is a wayward thing. This must, to some extent, affect plans to aid Britain in her economic crisis, although it can be assumed that detailed discussions on this matter will be left to Anglo-American negotiators at low level. But the importance of Congress should not be exaggerated. The effective meeting of two minds can be equally vital to the fortunes of Britain and the United States. Mr. Truman has made no secret of the fact that his main ambition is to bring true peace to the world during his Presidency. Thus, in the phrase coined by Mr. Churchill during his election campaign, both men have their eyes on the same "last prize." Furthermore, there is evidence that six years' experience in world affairs has taught Mr. Truman the importance of Britain to America and the importance of Anglo-American amity to the world. There is a saying about the men from President Truman's home State. It is: "Once you show a Missourian, he stays shown." In it lies Mr. Churchill's opportunity and the world's hope.

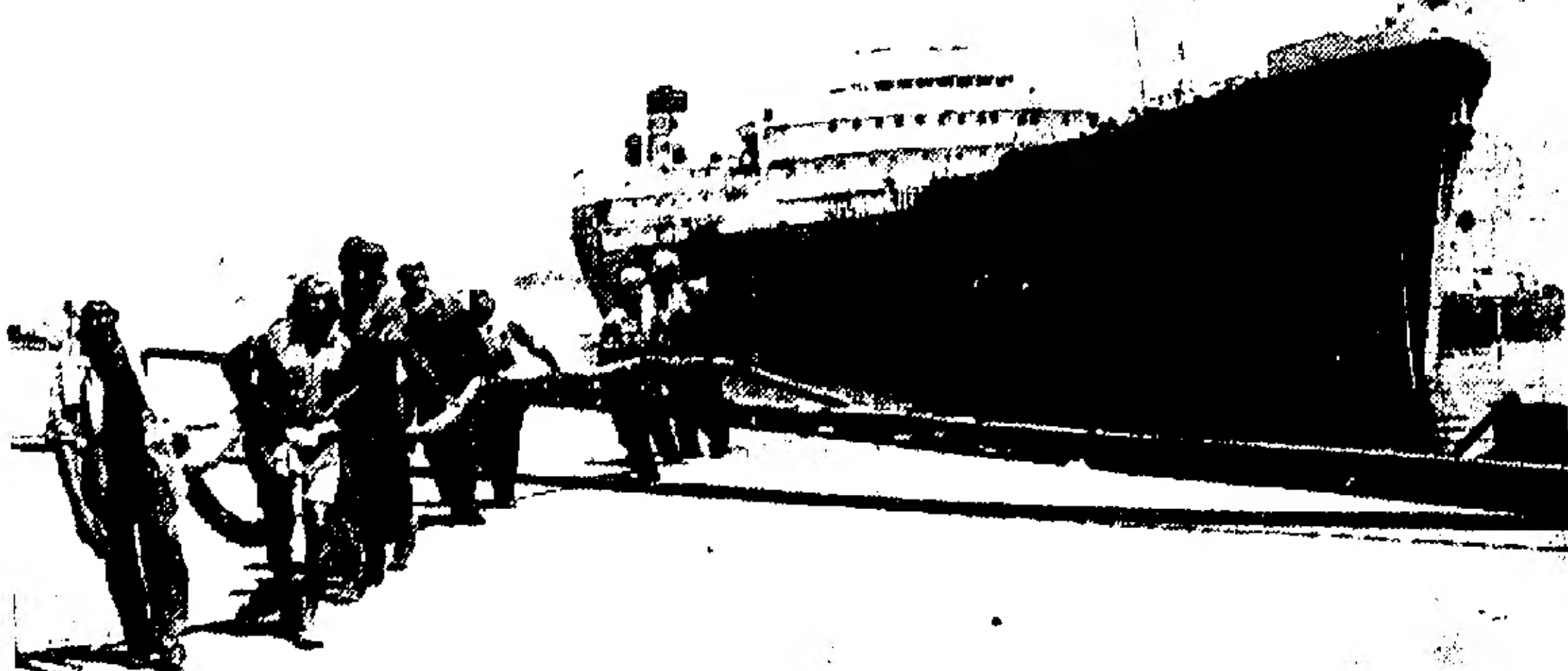
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BRITISH TANKER
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The 28,000-ton British Adventure, largest of the British Tanker Company's oil tanker fleet, seen on arrival at Mina el Ahmadi, on the Persian Gulf, to load 7,500,000 gallons of crude oil on completing her maiden voyage from England.—London Express.

Bitter Criticism Is Sweeping Japan Over Peace Treaty

Tokyo, Nov. 25.

Widespread, bitter criticism has swept Japanese business, political and labour spheres at the terms of the Japanese peace treaty, which was approved for ratification in the Japanese Diet on October 26 against vociferous opposition comments.

The new vocal critics admit that they withheld early action because Japan's overriding aim was to get some form of national sovereignty first. Most observers here believe that official criticism will remain soft-pedalled until the Japanese peace treaty actually comes into effect, which is expected by most Japanese in mid-1952 at the latest.

Then, the new Japan, from her powerful position in world trading, can be expected to do whatever possible to make up losses or inconveniences.

Apparent Japanese contentment with the terms of the treaty might well be explained by remarks made by the influential Liberal Party member, Mr. Niho Hoshijima, chief assistant to the Prime Minister, Mr. Shigeru Yoshida.

At San Francisco, Mr. Hoshijima told Japanese reporters who called his remarks to the big daily newspapers in Japan: "Since we were defeated and surrendered unconditionally, our job in San Francisco is only to sign whatever papers they prepare for us."

Even before he left Japan, he was quoted by the newspapers as describing the treaty-signing party as "the delegation of silence."

The bulk of criticism, ranging from scholarly, legal reasons why Japan was unfairly treated to bitter anti-American denunciations of the whole treaty, have appeared in many of Japan's vigorous post-war magazines and reviews.

TERRITORIAL LOSS
The most general complaint where bankers, traders, politicians and labour are on a common front, is the ripping away of Japanese territories, reducing the former empire to half its size.

Claiming that the new Japan could support only 30,000,000 of its increasing population, one magazine commented: "We got our independence—84,000,000 people crowded into a prison with life sentences."

The fiery right-wing commentator, Tetsuhiro Hashimoto, who before the war frequently bought half-page newspaper advertisements to spread his opinions, declared in a magazine article: "If American wisdom is limited to crowding us into such narrow confines, expecting birth control to answer our problems, then I doubt whether the Americans are intelligent enough to start a third World War."

Labour unions and the Socialist Party have opposed the idea of a treaty not including Communist China, which is considered a commercial ally essential for Japan's mercantile recovery.

So strong did the leftwing Socialist opposition become that a few days before the Lower House of the Diet voted in favour of approving ratification of the peace treaty, the party split asunder.

The leftwing members walked out on the rightwing because they proposed a compromise with the embassies of the Prime Minister by voting for the treaty.

THREAT SEEN
In the voting the leftwing Socialists with 22 Communist members and a handful of others, provided the small opposition—47 against 307.

The most strongly felt territorial loss is the Kurile Islands, a bleak barren northern chain of rocky fishing bases. Apart from their immense pre-war value as bases for Japan's most lucrative fishing ground, the islands' occupation by the Russians is regarded by Japanese as a real threat to the security of their homeland.

Ever since the Allied Occupation began, the Japanese have appealed to the Americans to help in at least securing the release of Japanese subjects who were on the islands when the Russians unexpectedly landed there.

The Prime Minister hinted at objections to Russian occupation of the Kuriles in his speech at San Francisco before he signed away all sovereign rights to the islands.

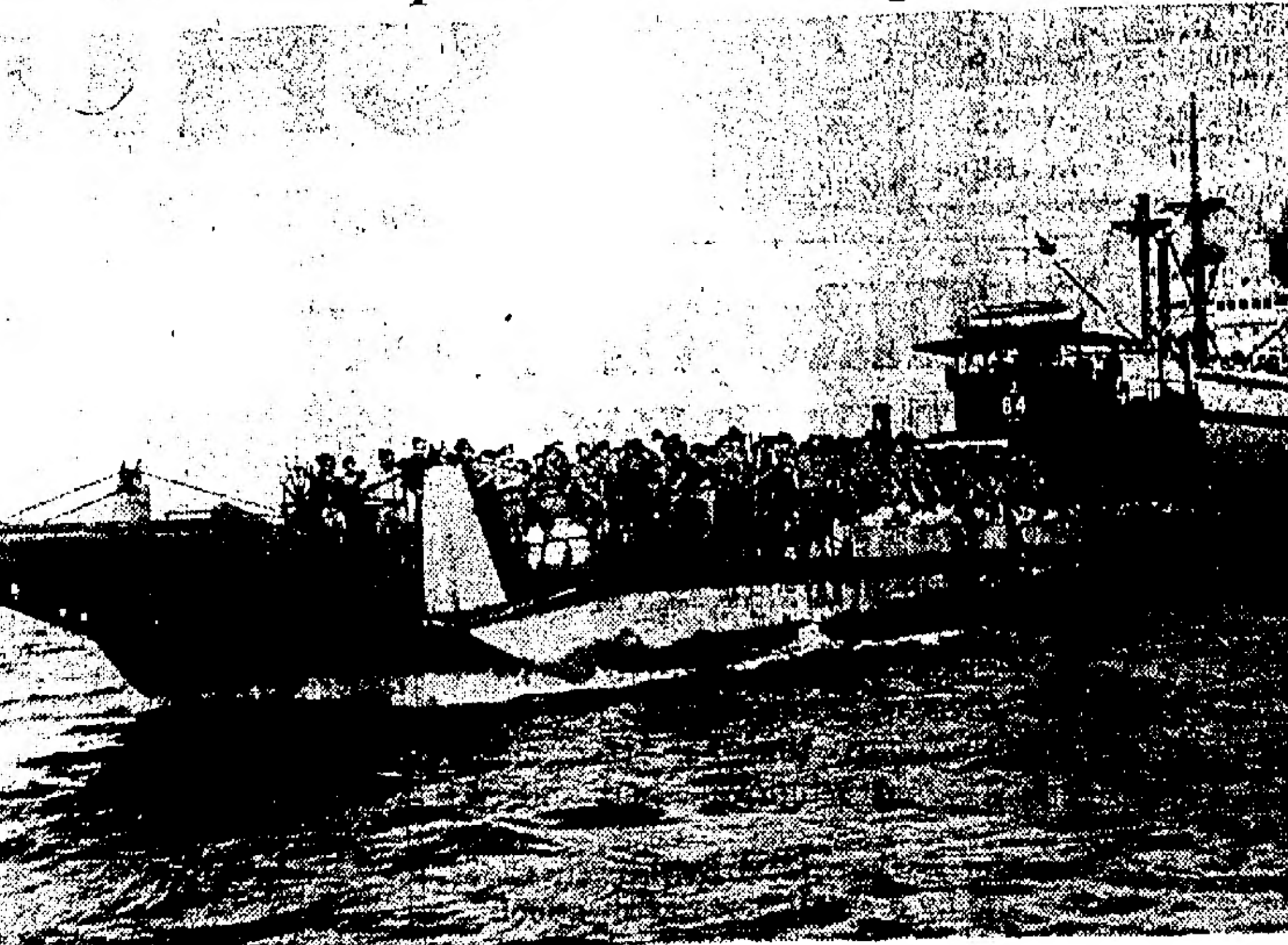
A few days after his return, he mainly ignored foreign belligerence at a demand for return of the Kuriles published by his own Liberal supporters in a widely circulated party manifesto.

On reparations, few Japanese would disagree that such countries as the Philippines and Indonesia suffered great economic loss as a result of Japanese occupation.

But a typical argument is that of an influential leader writer, Kenichi Abe, who, claiming that "severe reparations can only close the doors to peace," suggests that Japan's own losses during the war and afterwards in confiscations should be sufficient atonement for her crimes.

Japan has already opened negotiations with the Philippines and Indonesia, the two main claimants for reparations. The treaty allows essentially for reparations in the form of manpower—the manufacture of goods in Japan from raw materials owned by claimant nations.

British Troops Disembarking At Suez



A "Z" landing craft pulls away from the troopship Empire Medway with reinforcements of troops and airmen for the Canal Zone.—London Express.

Cairo Angling For Help From 'Friendly Nations'

Cairo, Nov. 25.

The Minister of Supply, Ahmad Hamza Pasha, said today that Egypt hoped "certain friendly nations" would supply tankers to ship oil from the refineries of Iran to Egypt.

The statement followed earlier reports that Egypt and Iran had reached agreement in principle for supplying Egypt with oil from the nationalised Iranian refineries at Abadan.

The difficulty arose in getting the oil to Egypt. Hamza Pasha refused to identify the nations for whose help he hoped. Russia and other Eastern bloc countries had expressed their readiness to supply Egypt with all her current requirements, he said.

The influential newspaper Al-Ahram said a group of native officers in the Sudan Defence Force had decided that the time had come to oust the British there and an armed mutiny was beginning to take shape.

It said the Sudanese administration had placed the officers on the black list. Passport officials at Alexandria announced that they would refuse to grant or extend residence permits to any British applicants and urged officers in other parts of the country to do the same.

ACTION DISAPPROVED
The Interior Minister, Fud Sirag el Din Pasha, said, however, that he disapproved of the action taken at Alexandria. "The Interior Ministry has not issued any such instructions and officials are bound to carry out their duties in accordance with the instructions they have," he said.

After a four-hour Cabinet meeting, Sirag el Din Pasha said the Government had reached a decision on the control of "liberation" battalions, but it would not be announced until later.

The Cabinet also had decided to donate £8,000 to families of members of the reserve police force who died in shooting incidents at Ismailia in the Canal Zone last week-end.

The Egyptian reserve police force of some 700 men, which had engaged in gun battles with British troops in Ismailia, arrived in Cairo today. They received a warm welcome from thousands of spectators lining the route between the railway station and the Abdin Royal Palace.—United Press.

Berlin Honours Airlift Heroes
Berlin, Nov. 25.
West Berlin today honoured 89 British airmen, 81 Americans and five Germans who lost their lives in the Western Allied airlift during the Russian blockade of Berlin.

The West Berlin police president, Dr. Johannes Stumm, laid a wreath at the foot of the city's airlift memorial, honouring the men who were killed between June, 1948, and September, 1949.—Reuter.

Tshekedi Khama Visiting UK
London, Nov. 25.
Tshekedi Khama, exiled former Regent of the Bamangwato tribe of Bechuanaland, will arrive here from Africa this week for talks with the Commonwealth Relations Minister, Lord Ismay.

He is coming at his own request and is expected to ask that his banishment be reconsidered. He was exiled after a tribal dispute over his nephew, Seretse Khama's, marriage to a white girl. Seretse was also exiled and is in London with his wife and daughter.—Reuter.

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Tackling A Chronic Problem

Brussels, Nov. 23.

The United States will sponsor the first international effort to solve continental Europe's chronic over-population problem during a 30-nation conference opening here on Monday.

During the 13-day conference, government delegates also will tackle the problem of resettling an estimated 100,000 refugees remaining after the International Refugee Organisation disbanded next month.

Mr. George Warren, United States delegate to the IRO, will propose a one-year trial of the American plan which, if successful, could be extended to aid an estimated 5,000,000 surplus Europeans to emigrate to less densely-populated areas of the world.

This pilot plan calls for the setting up of an international committee to assist the emigration in 1952 of 117,000 Europeans from Germany, Holland, Italy, Austria and Greece to countries such as Australia, Canada, the United States and New Zealand. The United States Government already has earmarked ten million of the \$34,000,000 needed for the one-year trial.

The other nations will be asked to contribute proportionately.—United Press.

Chief Justice Overruled
London, Nov. 25.
The Lord Chief Justice, when he valued a man's left thumb, lost at work, at £200, was wrong, said Lord Justice Birkett in the Court of Appeal.

He doubled the award of damages to 56-year-old Mr. Albert Frank Fowler, who lives at Brockworth, Gloucestershire. Mr. Fowler sued his employer, allowing breach of statutory duty. He appealed on the grounds that the award by Lord Goddard was not enough.

Lord Justice Birkett, in judgment, said that Mr. Fowler had only one eye—he lost the other in a childhood accident. The forerunner of his left hand was deformed, and it was contended that this made the loss of the thumb more serious.

The Lord Chief Justice had apparently said he would not take these disabilities into account in assessing damages.

"I should have thought that was wrong," said Lord Justice Birkett. Mr. Justice Roxburgh and Mr. Justice Donovan agreed.

Better Than The Geiger
Philadelphia, Nov. 25.
Pennsylvania University today announced the development of a new radio-activity detector, safer and nearly 20 times more sensitive than the present Geiger counter.

The new instrument, called the "Scintillation Counter," would permit doctors to use smaller amounts of dangerous radio-activity material in diagnostic tests, and increase greatly the use of these valuable substances in the diagnosis of disease.

The Scintillation Counter utilises a property of certain common crystals which emit visible light when exposed to the radiations of radio-active substances, the University said.—Reuter.

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Politics Barred From Election

Madrid, Nov. 25.

Spanish heads of families elected new City Councilmen today after one of the politest campaigns on record.

Politics were strictly barred, speeches were forbidden and candidates represented no parties. Each candidate was limited to a short notice in the newspapers and a brief radio broadcast to make his promises.

Some 6,500,000 were eligible to vote for four of the 12 Councilmen in each of more than 9,000 municipalities.—Associated Press.

PRICE OF PROTECTION GOING UP

Singapore, N. v. 25.

Protection for security in Singapore will cost more from December 1.

Rates for hire of non-commissioned officers, inspectors, constables, or personnel of the Special Constabulary have all been increased, a police statement says.

Monthly rate for hire of non-commissioned officers of the Singapore police will be \$225 and that of a constable \$220.

An N.C.O. or constable of the Special Constabulary will cost \$209 and \$168, respectively, a month.

Hourly rates are: inspector of regular police \$5; inspector of the Special Constabulary \$3; N.C.O. regular \$1.50; N.C.O. Special Constabulary \$1.50; police constable \$1.15; special constable \$1.00.

Nearly all rubber warehouses and newspaper offices hire police personnel on the monthly basis while wealthy citizens also seek police protection for big festive occasions.—United Press.

Quake In Italy

Ancona, Nov. 25.

An earthquake shook the Adriatic coast near here today at 4.25 a.m. local time, announcing itself with the usual rumbling noise but doing no damage.—Reuter.

RECORD IN DIAMONDS

London, Nov. 25.

World traffic in diamonds is expected to beat all records this year.

The National Jewellers Association, in a report on diamond trading over the first three quarters of the year, said it expected itself with the usual With a whole quarter of 1951 still to go, proceeds from diamond trading throughout the world show that traders are only about £1,000,000 below the record total of almost £21,000,000 achieved last year.

Industrial diamond sales have risen this year, the report said, especially during the second and third quarters, following the beginning of the rearmament drive, the return to power of the Churchill administration, and the commencement of American stockpiling.

The return of the Conservatives to power in Britain is expected to bring an increase in the country's arms production with a corresponding increase in industrial needs. This is probably a contributory factor to the increase in sales of industrial diamonds.

US Debt Soaring To Record High

Washington, Nov. 25.

The National Debt next year is expected to push—if not pass—the present legal limit of \$275,000,000.

Barring changes in the picture, Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder will ask Congress to raise the debt ceiling.

Federal indebtedness is just beginning to rise rapidly under the impetus of defence spending. By the end of November the debt is expected to be over \$259,000,000, an increase of \$4,000,000,000 since April and the highest in four and a half years.

The size of the National Debt affects everybody. New Government borrowing tends to fuel inflation. It can be a major factor in inflation, big Government spending bids up prices.

Interest payments on loans will take about 10 cents out of every tax dollar put up this year—almost \$6,000,000,000. If official forecasts on spending and tax receipts are about right, the debt should climb close to \$262,500,000 by next June. Then will follow six months of expected peak deficits which could push the debt to the \$275,000,000,000 figure.

As for 1953, when defence spending should continue high, the debt may well pass the record peak of \$278,200,000,000 reached in February, 1946, shortly after World War II.

WARTIME LIMIT
That an increase of \$4,000,000,000 in the past seven months amounted to a boost of \$21 for each man, woman and child in the nation. At \$275,000,000,000, the debt would be \$1,773 for each person.

If Secretary Snyder asks for an increase in the legal limit, he may suggest a figure of \$300,000,000,000, the limit during the unprecedented borrowing days of World War II.

The ceiling was lowered for the post-war period, during which the debt dipped as low as \$251,246,000,000 in June, 1949. During the fiscal year ending last June 30, the Government took in \$3,510,000,000 more than it spent to ring up the second biggest surplus in history.

There have been 76 surplus years and 85 deficit years in the nation's history. The last fiscal year was a happy period for the Treasury, which reduced the National Debt by \$2,135,000,000 during the year, keeping

the rest of the surplus in cash to meet booming defence expenses. The picture has changed abruptly and completely. In the five months since June, the Government plunged \$8,345,000,000 in the Red. The official Administration forecast is a \$7,500,000,000 deficit by next June. Spending this fiscal year is expected to reach about \$70,000,000,000 compared with \$44,633,000,000 last year.

The unofficial word is that spending may total \$90,000,000,000 next year, although some say \$85,000,000,000 would be closer. Next year's deficit is estimated at roughly \$15,000,000,000.

The highest previous deficit, except in all-out war years, was a little over \$3,000,000,000. All the estimates, of course, are based on a belief that Congress will not raise taxes to match spending. The Administration will ask for more taxes, but many Congressional leaders do not expect another tax increase next year.

The picture also could be changed by other things—all-out war, a slackening in the defence programme, and basic changes in the state of the national economy.

The public debt limit is set by law passed by Congress and signed by the President. It first came into being during World War I.

Since then it has varied according to the Government's financial circumstances and was last changed in 1946 when it was reduced to \$275,000,000,000.

The law says that no Government securities may be outstanding beyond the amount set.—Associated Press.

TO SUPPORT STRASBOURG

London, Nov. 25.

Sir David Maxwell-Fyfe, the Home Secretary, left London Airport today for Paris on his way to attend the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg.

Before leaving he said: "I shall be conveying the views of the new Government to the Assembly and assuring them of our intention to support the work of the Assembly of the Council of Europe."

"It has a great contribution to make to the integration of Europe in co-operation with the British Commonwealth and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation."

Sir David Maxwell-Fyfe is expected to return to London next Wednesday.—Reuter.

SYRIAN CRISIS

Damascus, Nov. 25.

The Syrian President today asked Abdul Baki Nizamuddin, leader of the Parliamentary Republican group, to form a new Cabinet, in a fourth attempt to solve Syria's 17-day old Ministerial crisis.

Three other political party leaders, Bakri Khuth, and Murad Dawakhi, both of the People's Party, and Said Haydar, Independent, have already failed.—Reuter.

Smoked Out

Barclay, Nov. 25. Hunted by the police, an African plunged his nose and ears with clay, hid under the surface of a pool of water and breathed through a straw. But the police set fire to dry grass and the reeds surrounding the pool and the choking smoke drove him to the surface. —Reuter.

TERROR AT SEA WITH LIVE MINE

London, Nov. 25. Naval mines were exploded off the coast of Newlyn, Cornwall, to disarm a live mine on the deck of the French trawler *Normandie* of Falmouth, of Falmouth.

The trawler had picked up the mine in her nets on Thursday and for 36 hours the crew had worked and slept with the fear of death constantly with them.

During that time the trawler of the vessel threatened to sink the mine in the nets, but the mine was not touched by any part of the vessel.

The mine dived and exploded, but it did not touch the trawler. When they first reached Newlyn, the trawler was out of port because of the danger to other ships.

While he sent for a mine disposal squad from Plymouth, a 50 m.p.h. gale blew up, and the trawler had to fight it out with the mine still on deck.

The ordeal which the men endured was described by Henry Mignard, the ship's engineer.

"We steamed out to sea for 14 miles and stayed there all night," he said. "Waves broke over the ship and washed across the deck. All night long we kept watch about to see that the mine did not work loose."

The mine disposal squad, which had to fight its way in a pilot boat through heavy seas to reach the trawler, took two hours to dismantle the mine.

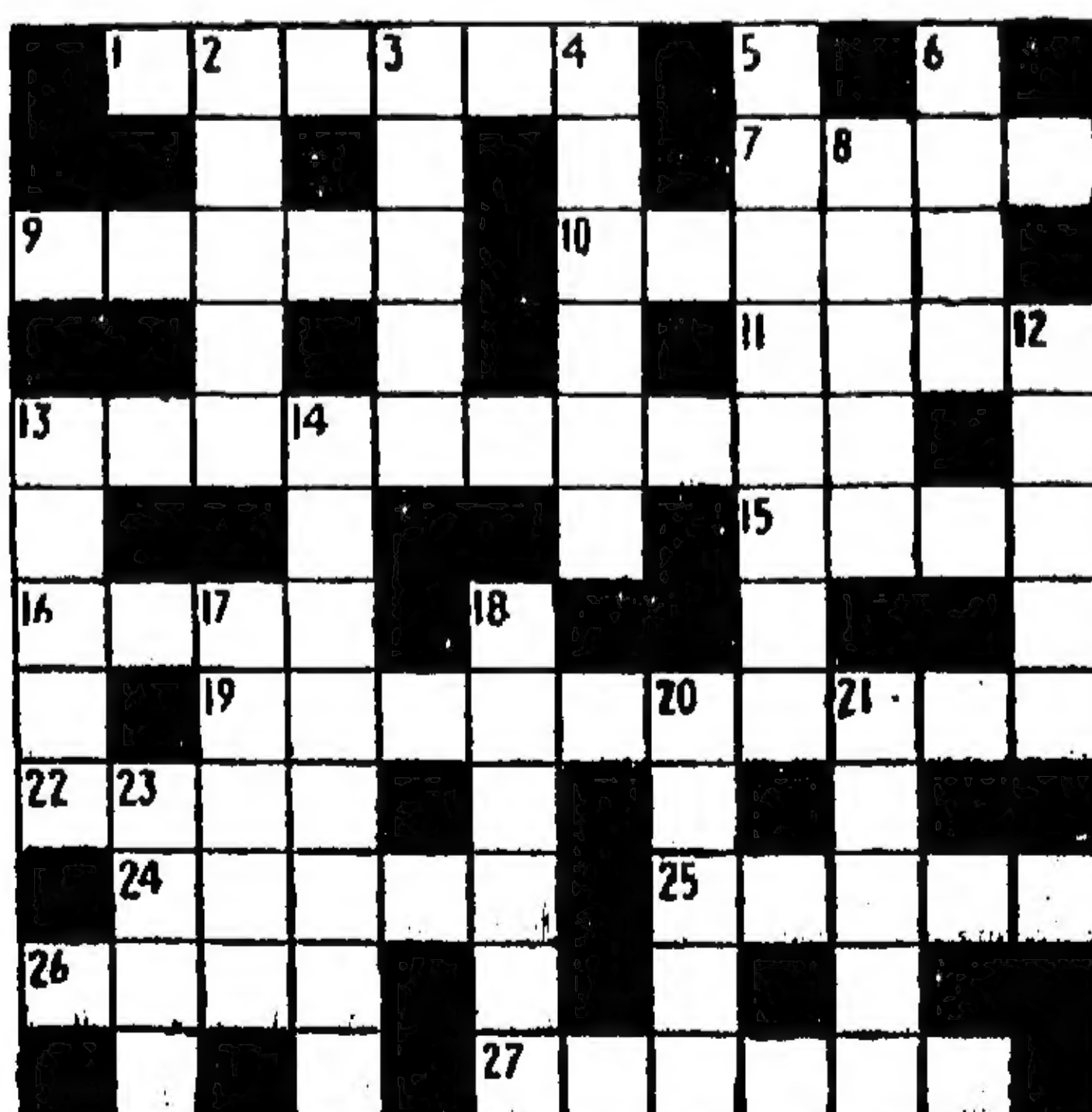
Warning By Dr. Garbett

Melbourne, Nov. 25. Dr. Cyril Garbett, Archbishop of York, said here today that we must be ready to defend our heritage and save the world from "racial despotism and atheism."

Persistent and mighty forces were endangering our way of life, Communism knew where it stood and what it wanted. We too would know firmly where we stood, he declared.

The Archbishop, now on a tour of Australia and New Zealand, was preaching at St. Paul's Cathedral here.

The congregation included the Governor of the State of Victoria, General Sir Dallas Brock, and Lady Brooks, the Chief Justice, Sir Edmund Herring, and political notables. —Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- Pal (3)
 - Downpour (4)
 - Liquid measure (5)
 - Buddy
 - Ledge (4)
 - Translates orally (10)
 - Metal (4)
 - Sculptor's work (4)
 - Acknowledgement of guilt (10)
 - Mole (4)
 - Worth (5)
 - Staggered (5)
 - Mature (4)
 - Pay up (5)
- DOWN**
- Cook (5)
 - Come in (5)
 - Wish for eagerly (6)
 - Hairs (3)
 - Beak (4)
 - Get up (5)
 - Burdened (5)
 - Permeate (5)
 - Praised (5)
 - Flight (5)
 - Tender (5)
 - Fish (5)
 - Perfect (5)
 - Greedy (4)

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Lull, 4 Educated, 5 Contend, 10 Arena, 12 Verger, 14 Discard, 17 Scandal, 19 Belated, 20 Parcel, 22 Anew, 23 Tinting, 27 Clancy, 28 Dross, 30 Empire, 31 Nuptial, 32 Hated. Down: 1 Lucid, 2 Lingo, 3 Slave, 6 Disk, 8 Coercive, 11 Desert, 13 Despoils, 14 Regret, 15 Realise, 16 Ink, 18 Crawls, 19 Anon, 20 Pardon, 21 Recoup, 24 Nymph, 25 Idiot, 26 Greed, 28 And.

RECOGNITION OF OR FORMOSA? A POSER FOR TOKYO

Tokyo, Nov. 25.

The Japanese Government is trying to ride the fence and postpone as long as possible the difficult job of deciding to recognise Communist or Nationalist China.

Many top Japanese hope that events of the future will decide this delicate question for them.

If neither of the two Chinese governments is able to triumph over the other, the Japanese sooner or later will have to recognise one as the legal government of China.

China is one of Japan's most and most important neighbours. This was one of the major powers aligned against Japan in World War II. Although Japan and many of its allies have signed a peace treaty, China and Japan have not.

China was not represented at the San Francisco conference. For the time being Japan escaped the task of having to make a decision that may be of great importance in years to come.

The present political situation between Japan and China is not clear. Japan is inclined to recognise the Nationalist Government, but it has admitted that time and circumstances may sway Japan's favour to the Communists. The question of who is in Japan today, being a balance of power, is still a matter of life and death.

TRADE ISSUE

Other things being equal, the Japanese would be inclined to back the Nationalists over the Communists because the Japanese are strongly anti-Communist. At the same time, however, the Japanese are practical people and many are influenced by the argument that Japan needs to trade with the Communist-controlled mainland of China.

Some of the pro-Nationalist forces in Japan argue that Japan does not need to trade with Communist China. They say Japan can find plenty of markets and raw materials elsewhere. Other pro-Nationalists say that recognition of Communist China will be no guarantee that a large and profitable trade will spring up between the two nations.

Some of those favouring recognition of the Peking government claim that Japan must do business with her large neighbour in order to survive in the present world economic competition.

Since they do not have to make a decision immediately, Japanese Government officials are saying very little on the problem.

There can be little doubt, however, as to how Premier Shigeru Yoshida feels. He is head of the present Conservative Government and has no use for Communism. Addressing the delegates at the San Francisco peace conference, Mr. Yoshida said:

"As regards China, I confine my remarks to two points: 'The first point is that like others we regret that disunity prevents China from being here. The second is that the role of China's trade in Japanese economy, important as it is, has often been exaggerated, as

proven by our experience of the last six years."

WITH THE WEST

Mr. Yoshida did not pull his Government out on a limb. The Japanese still can jump in either direction.

For the present, Japan has cast her lot with the Western Democracies, particularly the United States. The attitude of Washington and others in the anti-Communist bloc undoubtedly will influence Japanese thinking on the recognition problem.

Of course, it must be noted, not all members of the Western Democracies are in agreement on the question of which government is the legal government of China.

Currently, Japan is more or less siding with the United Nations in the Korean war where so-called Chinese Communist volunteer forces are opposing the United Nations army. Some observers believe this dims Red China's immediate chances of recognition by Japan.

The close relationship between Communist China and Russia will not influence Japan in favour of the Red regime in China. Russia is Japan's traditional enemy and the Japanese are inclined to view Russia's friends with a great deal of suspicion. —United Press.

Tried Jump From Hotel Window

London, Nov. 25.

A young husband and wife came to a point in their marriage at which the wife despised "a show of affection" and the husband tried to leap out of a fifth floor hotel window.

But, said Judge Carey Evans at Norwich Divorce Court, "I don't think he would have jumped when it came to the point."

"He says it looked a very long drop when he got out on a window-ledge."

The attitude of 28-year-old Mrs. Heather Norma Harston could not be said to be cruelly, the judge declared. He refused the petition of her 30-year-old husband, John Michael Harston, of Drayton, Norfolk, a company director.

SHE CALMED HIM

A cross-petition by Mrs. Harston, also alleging cruelty, was dismissed too.

The judge said that the couple were married in 1940. The wife, a P.T. instructor, pulled her husband back from the hotel window, and calmed him down.

"I think she was quite permitted to say, 'Not tonight, tomorrow night,' without thinking that anyone would take such drastic steps," he said.

"They had had a hard day, and she had been up the previous night with a sick child. 'These young people were rather foolish about the marital relationship.'"

HE DID CHORES

Judge Carey Evans said that the husband had a lot to complain of. He did the domestic chores twice a week so that his wife could take P.T. classes and go horse-riding.

He added: "It has been said by counsel that this marriage has irretrievably broken down. I have no right to advise them to try again, but I do not see why they shouldn't."

Mrs. Harston was awarded two-thirds of the costs.

DON'T WASTE WATER

PEKING**The Taft Family Of The United States**

The Taft family of the United States—Senator Robert and his wife—pose with their nine grandchildren, three sons and three daughters-in-law on the front porch of the Taft summer home in Murray Bay. —London Express.

Baronet And Girl Tell Story Of Broken Romance

London, Nov. 25.

The 48-year-old baronet and the 19-year-old London night-club hostess whose ten-day engagement came to a sudden end have told what they thought of their brief romance.

To Sir John Heygate it was "a bit of a problem, old boy." To Miss Nadia Diane Cooperman it was "just too crazy." Here are their stories:

Sir John announced that the wedding was off as he left his estate at Bellarena, Co. Londonderry, to meet his new fiancée, Mrs. Dora Gillespie, aged 44, who comes from Co. Donegal.

"I suppose it was my fault," said Miss Cooperman. "I am so impulsive. 'He met me at the Panama Club on Saturday night a fortnight ago. On Monday he was round at my hotel with a large diamond ring. I put it on my middle finger, but he joked about it and replaced it on the finger where an engagement ring goes.'"

THOUGHT IT A JOKE

"I thought he was joking. Then we went to all his clubs and there are quite a few. He told his friends I was his future wife."

"I still thought he was joking, but after a bit I began to think I was really going to be married. Shortly after he had to go back to his estate in Ireland. He wrote every day and phoned every evening."

"Before long I began to realise the whole thing was just too crazy."

"Finally he rang me up and said a former girl friend of his, Mrs. Gillespie, was coming over and should he go out with her."

"I had already realised I had been made a fool of, and I said: 'Yes, anything you like.' 'I suppose the engagement was never officially broken off, but I had already returned all his presents. There was the ring with a big stone, the fur coat, and lots of books and things.'"

With Sir John at Belfast was fiancée No. 2, Mrs. Dora Gillespie, mother of five daughters, of Malin Hall, Co. Donegal, whom he plans to marry soon.

The problem is they don't know how they are going to be married.

As Sir John put it, "My two ex-wives are alive—and well and happily married, thank goodness—with more children. Mrs. Gillespie has an ex-husband going strong somewhere. 'I have never bothered inquiring into this marriage business. I am not sure about the regulations which have to be complied with in Northern Ireland.'"

OVER THE BORDER

"I suppose there are residence qualifications." Sir John lives at Bellarena, 30 miles from Belfast. Mrs. Gillespie lives over the border in Eire.

Mrs. Gillespie, hatless, with a leopard-skin coat, her chestnut-coloured hair sweeping her shoulders, looked happy. "Sir John is brilliant at evolving plots for his novels," she declared. "He'll find the answer."

"I haven't got an engagement ring," Mrs. Gillespie said, "and we haven't got down to anything like that yet." She said Miss Cooperman had been "very sweet about everything" and wanted to pursue an artistic career.

DR. WEIZMANN SWORN IN

Tel-Aviv, Nov. 25.

A 21-gun salute was fired today when Dr. Chaim Weizmann took the oath on his re-election as President of Israel.

The President of the Supreme Court, Dr. Moshe Smoira, and the Speaker of the Knesseth (Parliament) swore in the President, who was re-elected by the Knesseth last week by 85 votes against 21. The ceremony was held at the President's residence at Rehoboth, south of Tel-Aviv, instead of at Jerusalem because of Dr. Weizmann's poor health. He is 77.—Reuter.

Married People Are So Shy

London, Nov. 25.

The Royal Commission on Marriage and Divorce has had a setback.

Only a trickle of replies has reached the Commission's London H.Q. since it advertised for opinions on why marriages break up, on what laws, if any, need altering, and on how to make domestic life run smoothly.

The deluge of "hints on home life" which the Commissioners had hoped to be sorting out by now have not arrived. Only a few witnesses have volunteered to discuss their personal experiences.

The Commission knew many ordinary housewives and husbands would be shy at offering their help and advice to start with, but they felt most of the organisations representing the churches, the medical profession and women and child welfare would have responded earlier.

Among questions to be raised are the Pope's recent pronouncement on birth control; whether childless marriages or separation for seven years are sufficient reasons for divorce; how married women's incomes should be taxed; and other problems of wives' property.

Freighter Safe

Tokyo, Nov. 25.

The marine safety authorities tonight reported that the Panamanian freighter *Kaple* is proceeding to Yokohama under her own steam.

The *Kaple* radioed distress signals early today from a position 300 miles east of the Japanese coast. The distress message said that big seas had damaged her engine-room frames.

The *Kaple* radioed tonight, requesting the Japanese rescue vessel *Muroto* to turn back and said: "Proceeding at six knots." —Reuter.

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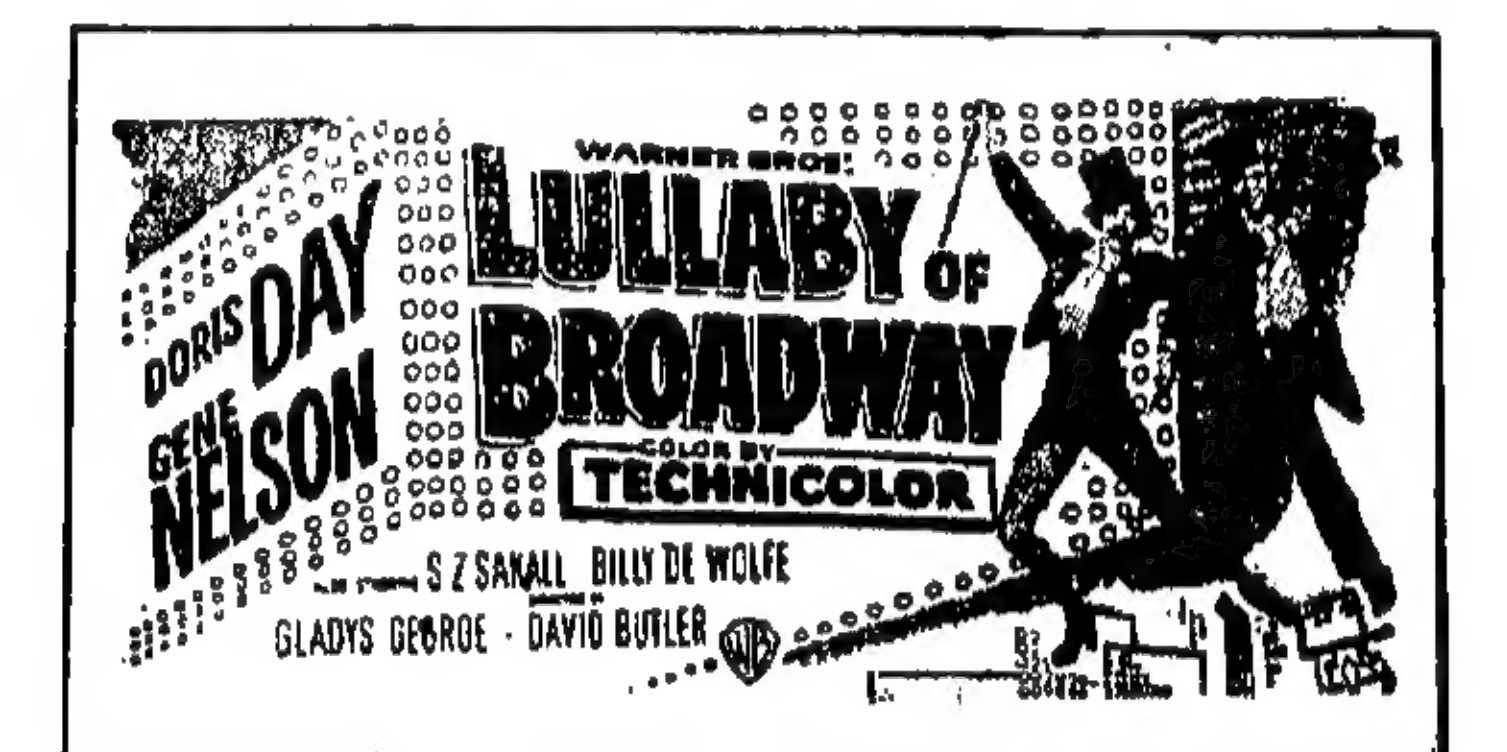
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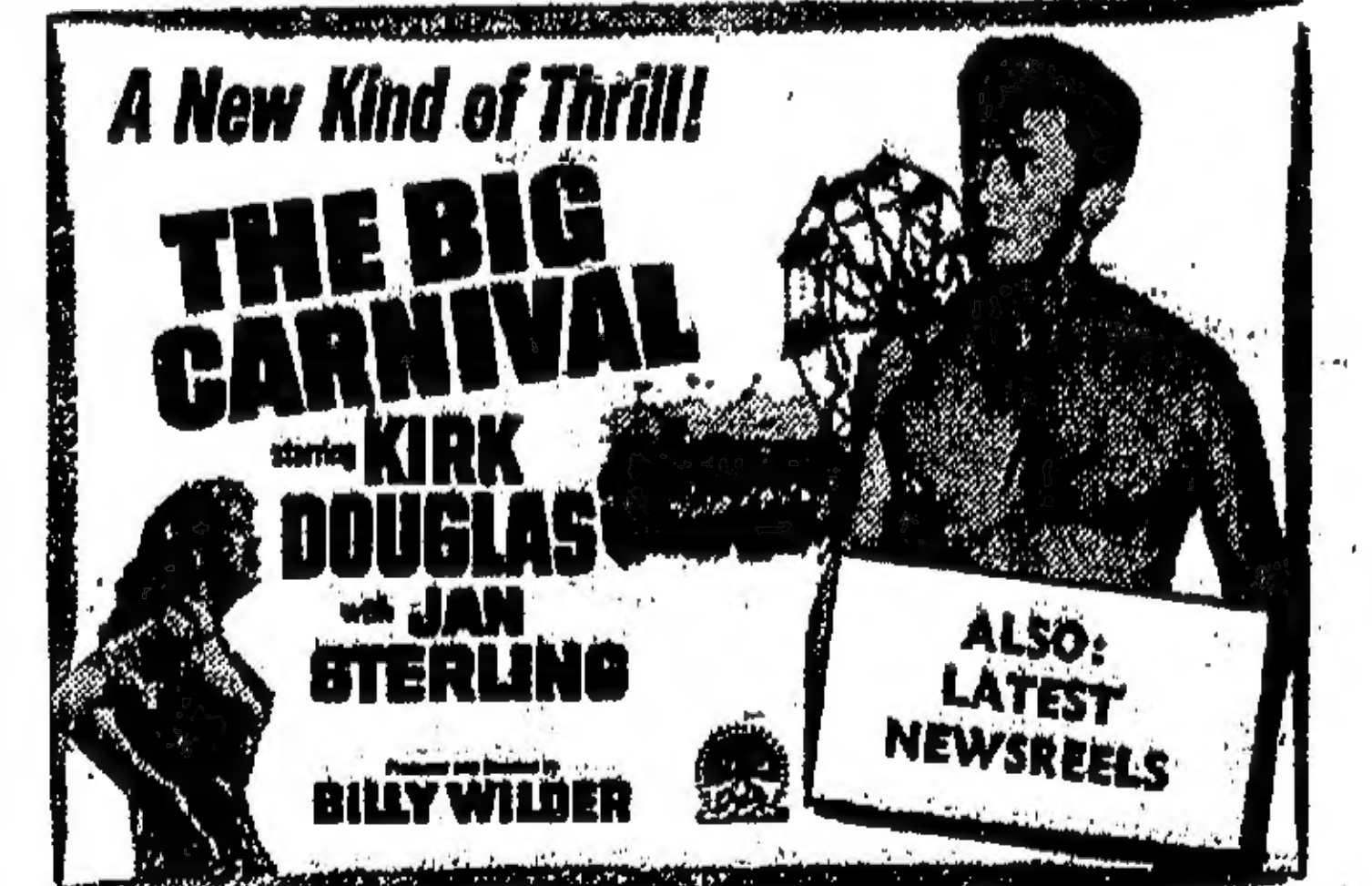
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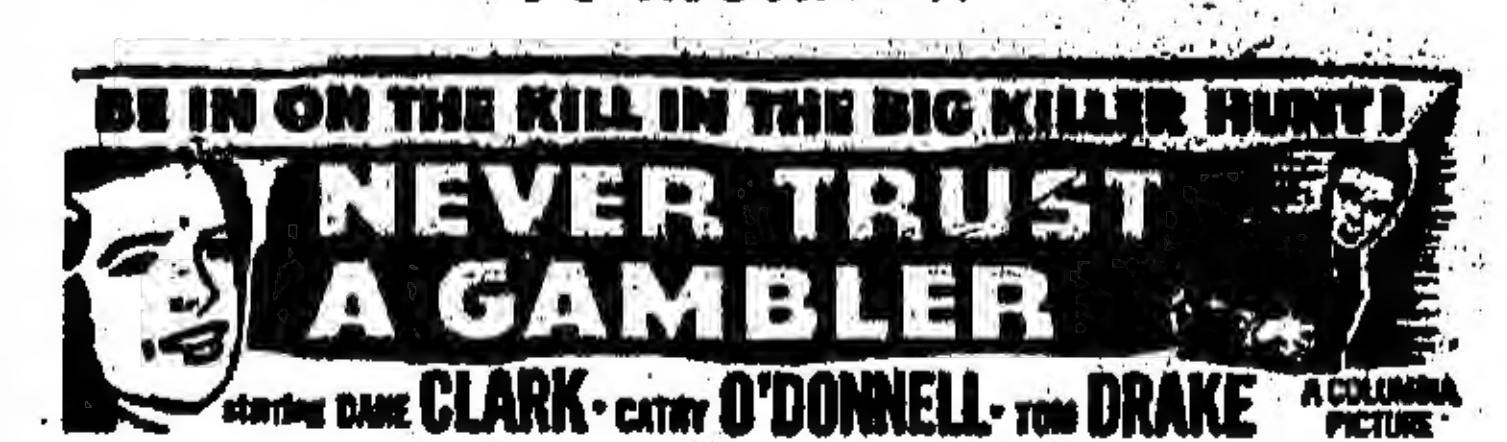
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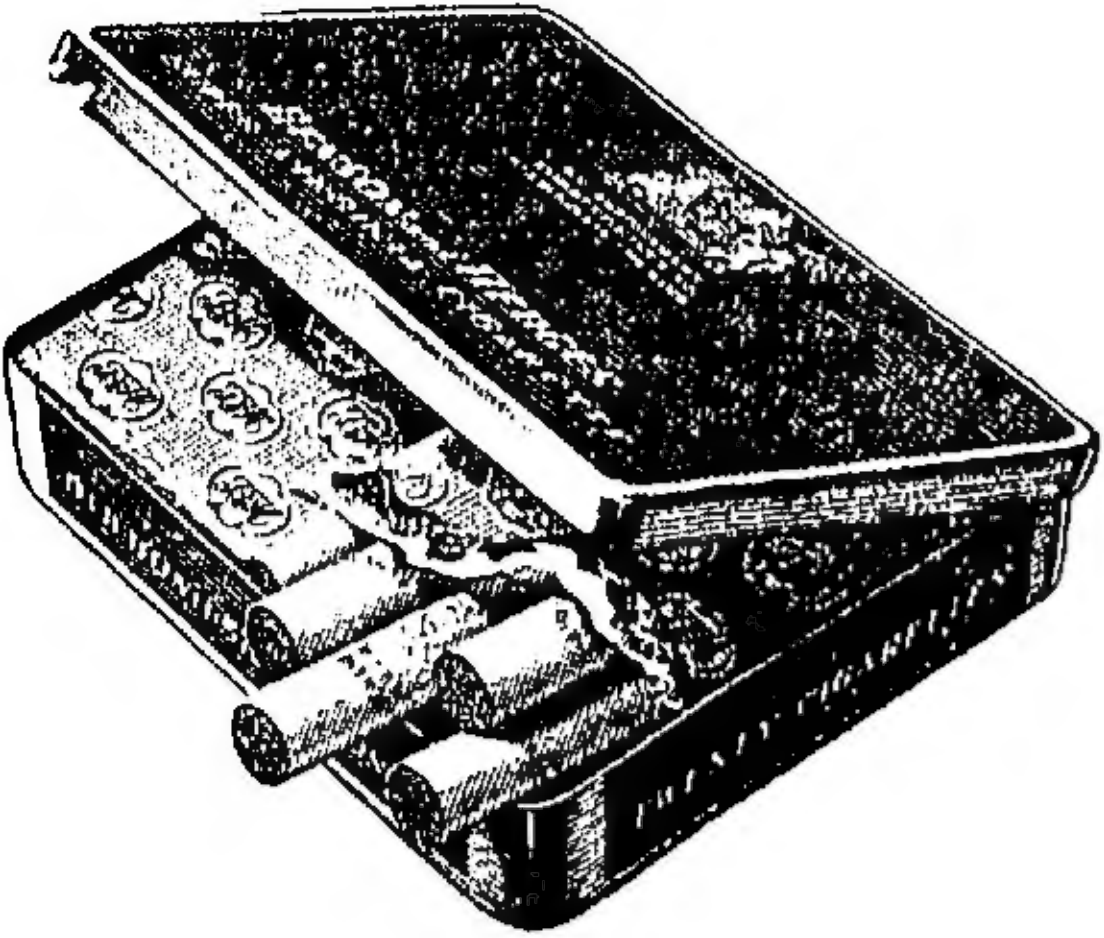
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The BLUNDERERS

Who was to blame for defeat—Hitler or his generals?

WE have had the despatches, the official documents and the memoirs of World War II. Now begins the melting-down process and the shaping of the ingots of history.

The Teutonic passion for documentation, the garrulousness of Hitler, and the Nuremberg trials provide an embarrassment of evidence as to why Germany lost the war. There is so much that there is something for almost every point of view.

But facts are not enough to explain Hitler's strategy. No matter how hard Mr. F. H. Hinsley tries to pore over the German records of defeat, they spring back at him in an untidy array.

It may be attractive to attribute Germany's downfall to a mishandling of the Navy and a failure to grasp the significance of seapower.

Mr. Hinsley had wanted until he had a stranger Navy before he attacked Poland. If he had been more conscious of the value of U-boats, if he had been strong enough to invade England in 1940, if he had been less contemptuous of the Mediterranean, Hitler might have done better. Mr. Hinsley never says he might have won the war.

Mr. Hinsley has been relying chiefly on German naval documents, and his bias is natural. But a good case could equally be made for attributing the German failure to a weak air force.

Just a few more aeroplanes might have won them the Battle of Britain and the necessary superiority for invasion in 1940. Just a few more paratroopers might have enabled them to capture Malta and turn the tide in the Mediterranean.

The historian is bound to have a difficult time to add up, but they never quite do. The student comes racing on logic will find himself constantly being baffled by what can only be called intuition. Mr. Hinsley seldom uses the word.

This Hitler could boast about his having avoided a war on two fronts and then attack Russia. He could talk of a war of 15 years' duration and act as if he expected it to end in a few months. He could understand the need to keep America neutral and yet urge Japan to enter the war. He could speak of the need to starve England into submission and yet not plan for the U-boats' needed to do the job.

HIS decisions defy rational analysis and even the careful lawyer's brief Mr. Hinsley presents for each of his propositions is seldom more than plausible. His arguments are rarely convincing.

DOWN the street in the fabulously luxurious twin mansions of the British Embassy over 20 officials, twice the pre-war strength, are confidently waiting for an increase in their cost-of-living allowances, for which they have been long agitating—in a gentlemanly way.

The only thing they are not certain about is just how much the increase is going to be, but they hope it will be somewhere near the 20 percent rise in the French cost-of-living index. The increases will make the Paris Embassy nearly as expensive as the one in Washington.

With their present allowances, which even the Foreign Office men admit are generous, the average cost of an employee at the embassy to the British taxpayer is £1,000 a year.

Their pay-packets and allowances already total £250,000, with top-ranking Ambassador Sir Oliver Harvey pulling in nearly £20,000.

He lives in the Embassy, which he is currently sharing, and his two Rolls-Royces, with Mr. Anthony Eden.

After Sir Oliver comes £10,000 a year Plenipotentiary

by MILTON SHULMAN

Mr. Hinsley's book, however, is more important in that it is still further evidence (not that much more was needed) to substantiate the view that neither Hitler nor his military advisers were any more gifted than those who fought and defeated them.

The two most dangerous myths likely to survive the last war are that Hitler was a military genius who was stabbed in the back by his generals, and that the generals were military geniuses who were misled by Hitler.

The table of the inevitability of the German General Staff has been set. Not only is it sure to be confirmed in a Fourth Reich, but it is even attractive enough to form the basis of profit-making Hollywood films.

Most people prefer to believe that Hitler was a great strategist instead of accepting the evidence that he was not.

YET the facts convincingly destroy both myths. Germany's early successes were achieved in face of the most determined opposition on the part of German generals and admirals.

Generals as good as Czechoslovakia, they protested over Poland; they moaned about France. Yet Hitler, with only intuition and Allied unpreparedness to aid him, proved them wrong and himself right.

After that, his advisers were more sluggish unable to protect him from his rash and most stupid decisions. They had lost his respect and with that, their power.

Ribbentrop, early in 1941, could, with a straight face, tell Matsuka that the Führer was "the greatest expert on military questions in the present time" and suggest that the Japanese might find Hitler's advice helpful in planning their attack on Singapore.

HITLER'S short-sighted planning for the projected invasion of England, his stubborn determination to attack Russia, his under-estimation of American strength, and his inability to realise the significance of the Mediterranean have revealed him for the incompetent amateur he undoubtedly was.

At his feet must be placed the major blame for Germany's defeat. The rest of the blame can be shared between his generals and his admirals.

As John Henry Brodribb was the descendant of a long line of sturdy, unimaginative West Country farmers who were of the earth, earthy in mind and body. His mother was deeply religious, and to the end of her life predicted that her unfortunate son would come to a bad end. Yet undoubtedly his force of character came from her.

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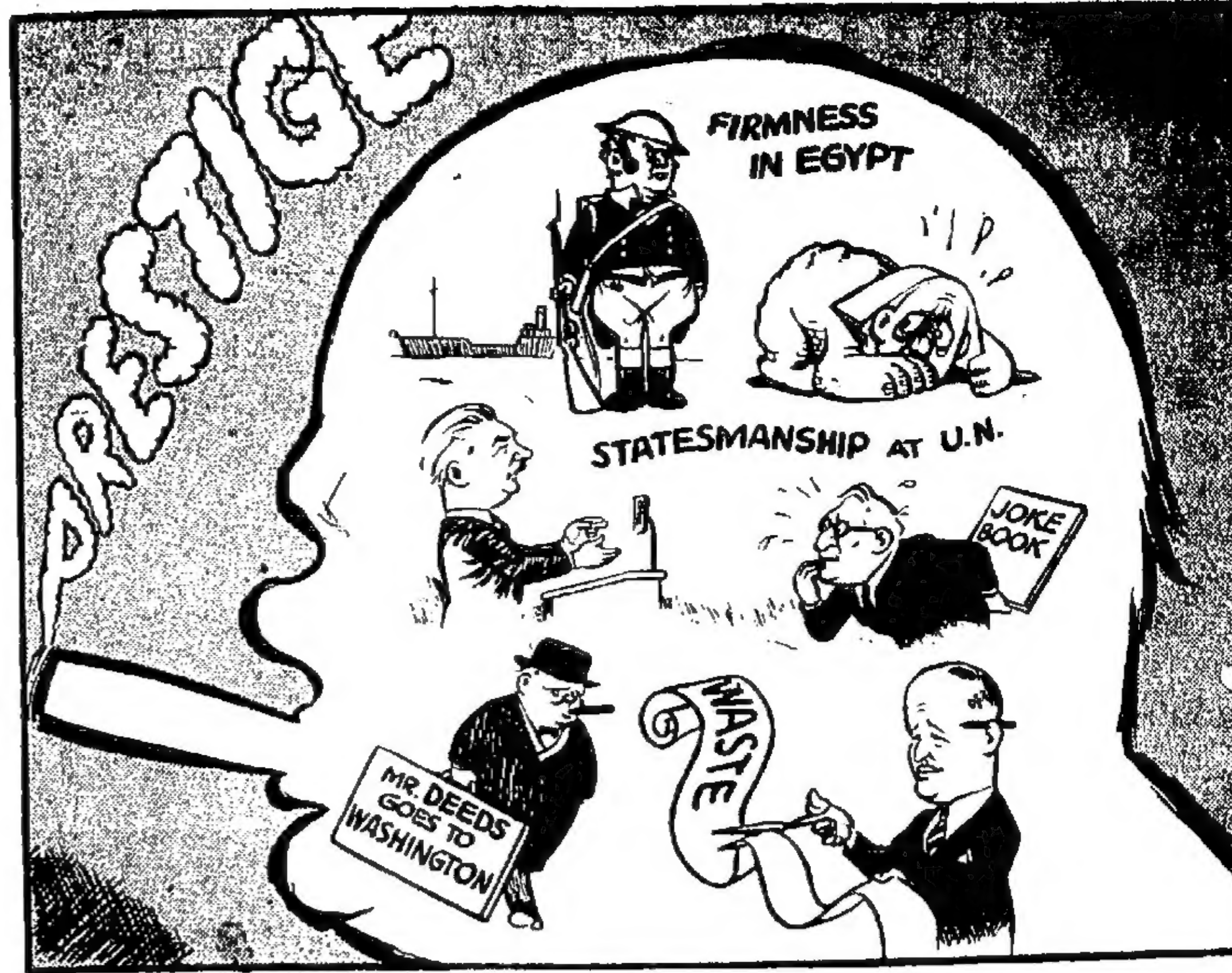
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—the MAN behind the MAKE-UP

● To-day his grandson explodes the myths about the actor who made fortunes, died penniless and left crowds weeping in the streets

by Beverley Baxter, MP



Irving in The Bolt

LAURENCE IRVING'S massive biography of his grandfather, Sir Henry Irving, is priced at 50s., which is a lot of money for a book. It is as long as three novels—which is a lot of words—and has 88 illustrations to entertain the eye.

To save time and to borrow the legal procedure of Alice in Wonderland I propose to give the verdict first and then call the evidence. This is the best biography I have read for years. The author makes Irving live and die before our eyes.

By some miracle Mr Laurence Irving has given us a life that rings with truth. Never once does he intrude his own prejudices upon the controversies that involved the most famous figures of that time including critics, fellow

VICTORIANS RUN INTO THE WRONG GARDEN—LITTLE FLOWERS WILL NOT WILT

Schoolgirls Play With One Eye On "Julius Caesar"

By "OBSERVER"

A fighting Recreo Eleven snatched a narrow 2-1 win over the hitherto unbeaten King George V "A" yesterday to take the lead in the Colony Ladies' Hockey League.

The Georgians led by one goal to nil at the interval through a goal scored by their left-wing combination of Sheila Hall and Hilary Hale. Recreo came back with two goals in the second half through the follow-up efforts of their new centre-forward, Mercia Silva.

It was a closely contested game with both sets of forwards playing a good attacking game. The school half-line followed up well, but tended to overemphasize this, resulting in their being unable to cover up when the ball is suddenly crossed back into their half.

At Skokholm, the Little Flowers Club, the Cunderella of this year's league, met with their first major success, when they held last year's finalists, the Victorians, to a 1-1 draw.

The Victorians were not at full strength, fielding at least four reserves in their side. Conspicuously missing were left-back Sylvia Franklin and right-half Mrs. Van Houten. Despite this, however, it was a creditable performance by the Little Flowers, who with the exception of their centre-forward and captain, Muriel Rozario, were practically a team of unknowns until yesterday.

INSPIRING LEADER

Margie proved to be the inspiring leader of her team, both in attack and defence. Possessing pretty stickwork, good speed

and sense of distributional play, she ranks as one of the best forwards in the Colony today. The halves seemed to be the weak point, all of them appearing to have great difficulty in getting the ball away. Holding their sticks a little lower, getting further down to the ball and a little more practice in flicking should help them a great deal.

The two full-backs are sound with Terry Noronha of softball reputation showing an ability at hard hitting. Having heard so much of Nina Carvalho as a goalkeeper, when she stood between the "Gremmins" "A" and a two figure score last week, I expected to see her in the picture again yesterday. She had, however, very little to do in the first half, but did make a few good saves in the second half to support her reputation as an agile and fearless goalie.

STRONG HALF LINE

The Victorians fielded a sound team as a whole, and were served with a strong half-line. The forwards had all the requisites of a good attacking side, speed, dash and stickwork. They had all the chances of scoring yesterday, but did not have that "big hit" in the circle to complete them.

One main weakness still remained—hanging to the ball too long. By the time the pass was made, it would either put their own forwards offside, or bring an impenetrable bunch of defenders into the "D".

The Victorians had slightly more of the play in the first half, particularly towards the end of the first half, when Brenda Smith sent in a weak shot to the goal, and left wing Joan Crighton's powerful drive hit the side-board.

The Victorians took the lead during the second half, goalkeeper Nina Carvalho had already prepared herself to kick a drive by the Victorian inside-right from outside the circle, despite the shouts of "leave it" from her team.

She did not get the ball fully and centre-forward Lillian Brandt followed up by putting the ball past her. Ten minutes later, the Little Flowers equalised through Irene Starkey. A good pass by Margie Rozario was taken by Irene who clipped a hard one into the goal.

THE TEAMS

Victorians: Audrey Clibborn; Doreen Cook, Iris Armstrong; Jill Peach, Jet Boren, Doreen Handyside; Ruby Scott, Brenda Smith, Lillian Brandt, Barbara Phillips, Joan Crighton. Little Flowers Club: Nina Carvalho; Hilda Soares, Terry Noronha; Lydia Osmund, Norma Hill, Nina Gonzales; Teresa Campos, Irene Starkey, Margie Rozario, Marie Rull, Teresita Botelho.

PANTING TIME

At the end of the first half in the match between Recreo and School "A" at King's Park, the Recreo girls stumbled off the field, one goal down and just about ready to collapse.

The School's championship relay teams had run them off their feet and Recreo later admitted that the left wing combination of Sheila Hall and Hilary Hale, who got through to score only once, had dazzled them into a state of near coma.

What happened to the School-girls later is not too easy to explain. Half of them were to start sitting for their Cambridge School Certificate examination the following morning and they had hardly walked off the field defended then, they started swetting up "Julius Caesar".

Recreo's young team, coached by A.L. Nery and Johnny Gonzales, rallied in the second half. They are built up on a "no star" system and they were young enough to recover.

They had little of the game in the first half. In the second they kept steadily pushing the game into the opposition's half and good feeding from the halves kept the forwards employed.

Margie in front of goal earned them both their goals, their new

centre-forward, Mercia Silva, being on hand twice when the ball slipped back out of the battle royal of sticks and legs.

In the last few minutes the Schoolgirls kept the game in the Recreo half and not far from the D, but the necessary finish had been drained out of them.

THE TEAMS

Recreo: Doreen Ozzorio; Elvie Tsok, Ena Roza-Pereira; Francisca Ferreira, Evelyn Alonso and Connie Remedios; Stella Correa, Lily Dapenberg, Mercia Silva, Rita Marques and Marcia Maher.

KGVS "A": Sheila Graham-Cunning; Kathleen Davies, Shirley Winterton; Julia Tingay, Shirley Read and Diana Jilotti; Margery Revie, Leila Butcher, Valerie Jilotti, Hilary Hale and Sheila Hall.

OTHER MATCHES

The Dorian (Diocesan Old Girls) held a Gremmin-packed Widgets' team to one goal in the first half at Boundary Street. Conspicuous in the Gremmin attack was the left wing combination of Eileen Kennedy, Mary Meikle and Marge Vianna who had the Puppies' defence in trouble time and again. Mary Meikle, a newcomer, scored in the front half.

The Old Girls' new forward line had not too much more life in it than last week, but the defence was already showing signs of tightening up.

At the School ground, the School "B" team held the University to two-all at half time and lost 4-3 in the last minute of the game. School's centre-forward scored one goal and the inside-left two. Four members of the University forward line shared the goals.

HOW THEY STAND

Recreo	PW	D	L	F	Pts
Gremmins	2	2	0	0	4
Victorians	3	2	0	0	4
KGVS	2	0	1	0	3
University	2	1	0	2	2
Little Flowers	2	1	0	2	2
DOGA	2	0	0	2	0
KGVS "B"	2	0	0	2	0

Filipino Club's Closing Day

Filipino Club held its Lawn Bowls Green Closing Day yesterday with a match against visiting lawn bowlers from various clubs in the Colony and lost by 21 shots.

Following the match, Mrs. V. M. Alenzon, wife of the President of the Filipino Club, presented each visiting player with a silver spoon.

Results, with names of Filipino Club players first, were:

M.H. Jono, L.A. Peres, F.J. Hunt, W.C. O'Byrne tied with K. Bodie, G. Lead, F. Francis, A.M. Omar 31-21. V.A. Neves, W. Palmer, S.M. Ramjhan, W.J. Howard lost to A.R. Nazack, H. Rodale, R. Bass, L.G. Young 11-22. M. Ferreira, V.A.V. Ribeiro, F.G. Da Luz, Dr. V. Alenzon beat R.M.V. Ribeiro, J. McDougall, W. Bovaio, E. Greenwood 20-20.

D. Phillips, B.W. Armiger, J.T. Catton, H.Y. Hui beat G. Volkart, J. McKittick, W.J. Cameron, S.J. Pullock 20-17. W.F. Chung, A.M. Quinn, M.T. Nunes, L.S. da Silva lost to J. Caldwell, S.A. Bux, L. Bonas, L.A. Toporo 13-20. C.M. Xavier, H.A.V. Ribeiro, H. Noronha, C.A. Coelho lost to J.A. Drigado, V.J. Bennett, W. Williams 13-30.

ICC COMPETITIONS
The finals of the Indian Recreation Club Intra-Club Lawn Bowls Singles and Pairs Championships were played out at Skokholm yesterday and resulted as follows:

Singles—K. M. Ramjhan beat U.A. Ramjhan 21-19.

Pairs—A. Bachoo, F.M. al Arculit, J. Hosen and A.R. Mito beat A.B. Eickhoff, J. S. A. Curwen, A.M. Ramjhan and K.M. Ramjhan 20-19.



The Art Of Being Omnipresent

The Sunday before last a young lady who plays hockey asked this columnist how it could be possible that, being well aware of the fact that the Sunday before last we had watched the game she played in at Boundary Street, some other young woman was equally certain that we had watched the one at King George V School.

One was willing to bet that at 4 p.m. that Sunday we were at one ground, and the other was as equally certain that we were at the other ground at the same time. Actually, both were not far wrong, but one or two times must have been a few minutes out.

This columnist takes pride in his ubiquity. However, if it wasn't for the omniscience of Mrs. Hale and the transport that the good lady provided, the argument could not have arisen as to exactly where we were at 4 p.m. on a Sunday a fortnight ago. Mrs. Hale can, with some degree of accuracy, tell how many minutes a game has been on at some other ground and what the score is or should be. She was certain that the game at King George V School was still on and she was right.

It is through the goodwill of people like Mrs. Hale that we are kept informed of what goes on in the Ladies' Hockey League. First of all our reputation for omnipresence has been built up on the co-operation of the League's officials.

It owes much too to many voluntary informers who have no official affiliation to the League. Our informers and spotters are legion and happen, as often as not, to be quietly present when something interesting happens.

One of our informers, believe that or not, is the son of a Widget. He has an uncanny sense of anticipation for where something is going to happen and he was lying down behind the Gremmins' goalpost in that team's match with the School Juniors.

That was the match in which Mother Read sat on the back wood support of the goal and lit a cigarette. All the Gremmins, the pack of all-hungry seagulls that they were hovering around the School Juniors' D while the mites, some of them half the size of the Gremmins, were valiantly pushing back one assault after another.

This kept going on for such a long time, the Widget's son (who was Mother Read's nephew) leaned her stick against the net without a care in the world.

Suddenly, as it does in a hockey match, riot broke loose. A little schoolgirl flashed out of nowhere, pushing the ball in front of her and not a Gremmin in short of cushion Read between her and the goal.

Mother Read calmly threw away her cigarette and reached for her stick. The stick, so it happened, had got itself entangled in the net and there was no pulling it out. It was Gremmin defender hadn't proved faster on his feet than the schoolgirl. Mother Read may well have had to tear the net down.

We have touched now on the League's officials and the Widget's son. There are other informers. One of our main sources of information, curiously enough, is the Publicity Department of RKO-Radio Pictures.

You may not believe it, but when in doubt on some point we ring up RKO-Radio. They send over batches of publicity material and we use much of it and discard a lot too.

Last week, some of this was picked up by an opposition player, who slipped, and I, Smirnoff, their skipper, played a wonderfully good clearing game with her hard hitting... whilst C. Ellery on the right wing was very fast, and terribly dangerous.

Now, we are in agreement that Irene Smirnoff, skipper of the Widgets, coming skitter down and has (1) let her hair down and (2) has started hitting the ball with the precision and driving power of a champion golfer.

We agree also that Correen Ellery has been improving steadily game after game and has developed into rather a flashy forward with considerable initiative.

But we suspect that RKO-Radio's equally omnipresent talent scouts are considering these two Widgets as a potential new Bergman and new Packford respectively and the publicity build-up is on. Both, we consider, are more necessary in the Widgets than in Hollywood.

Yesterday, Correen Ellery was on the sidelines with Sheila Bolton and Jeannette Simmons. The three were being rested this week as a card of respect to the late Mrs. Bolton. The Widgets were pushed into the line-up against the Diocesan Old Girls and proved insufficient to give the Widgets more than a 1-0 margin of victory.

However, the fact that Ellery, Bolton and Simmons were sitting it out fits in well with our theory that the Gremmins' new coach, G. T. "Pedlar" Palmer, is getting set to de-glamourise the Widgets in the same way that he has de-glamourised the Gremmins.

The Gremmins, who were easy on the eye last season, now have hard, tense expressions. The Gremmins' new Pygmalion wants his Galateas to be nothing more than well-placed cogs in a goal-scoring machine.

It would be a sad day if the new Gremmin directorate would try to de-glamourise Ellery, one of the happiest of the Widgets, a Widget through thick and thin, one of the earliest Widgets and a Widget who has always maintained the Widgets' reputation for glamour.

This reputation the Widgets have, plus their polite little touch last Christmas when they sent Christmas greetings to the readers of these pages, have endeared them to the whole sporting community.

Several hundred people watched the Widgets in action yesterday and the hills encircling the Boundary Street ground were dotted over with spectators. There was, it is true, a football match going on at the adjoining ground between CAA and Kwong Wah, but the spectators were all over the surrounding hills long before that started. All they could have been doing was watching the Widgets take on the Old Girls.

Having now touched on the contribution of the League's officials, of the son of the Widget and of RKO-Radio Pictures to our reputation for omnipresence, this column must finally express its gratitude also to its Operators who watch matches.

Yesterday evening we pushed our way into the smoke-choked card room of one of the Colony's main sporting centres to speak with one of them.

Operator N was playing patience. He put a five of clubs on a six of diamonds and whispered a startling piece of information.

To quote him, "The Gremmins are not going to win the League. Not by a long shot. They are individually good, but not as a team. Victorians will win the League."

Now, if this was told us by anyone but Operator N, we would have taken it with a grain of salt. Operator N not only knows all about hockey, but he has watched nearly every one of the Ladies' League teams in action since the start of the season.

He explained, "The Gremmins have no combination except in their inside-forward trio and between their two backs. They will never replace Marjorie McNeill and the Abrahams sisters. I would rather have the two in a team than two half-backs who are individually good, but they are not stars, but they fitted themselves in with the others. I would rather have the two in a team than two half-backs who are individually good, but they are not stars, but they fitted themselves in with the others."

Operator N thinks that the Gremmins have a great attack.

Britain To Tackle The Hoary Old Problem Of Tennis Amateurism

London, Nov. 25.

Britain is going to tackle the hoary old problem of true amateurism in lawn tennis.

For a long time now, world lawn tennis circles have been concerned with what has become known as the "eight weeks' rule"—a regulation which restricts an amateur player to receiving expenses for no more than eight tournaments a year.

Some lawn tennis enthusiasts in Britain have objected to this time limit ban and now a motion has been tabled for the annual general meeting of the British Lawn Tennis Association on December 6 here in London that this "eight weeks' rule" shall be replaced by one which allows amateur players to "receive travelling and reasonable hotel, boarding house or similar establishment expenses when playing in any tournament sanctioned by the national association of the country in which the tournament is held."

SEQUEL TO MEETING

This new rule is the sequel to the views expressed at the International Federation meeting in Paris this summer, but Mr. S. B. Reay, the Secretary of the British Lawn Tennis Association, explains that, even with the proposed new rule, a player must still abide by the rules of his own national association.

If it happens that a player belongs to a country which still retains the "eight weeks' rule," it does not mean that the player automatically qualifies for exemption when he (or she) plays in a tournament sponsored by a country which has adopted a new ruling on this point.

America showed its views on the question when Miss Dorothy Head, Irvin Dorfman and Fred Kovaleski, who are all "ranked" by their country and who played at Wimbledon, were barred recently from accepting any expenses by the American Lawn Tennis Association.

They had been absent from America for 10 months when Mr. Russell B. Kingman, the President of the American Lawn Tennis Association, announced that the three players "had far exceeded the limitations of the 'eight weeks' rule' by having played in Britain, Europe and Asia."

but that this will not balance against the teamwork of Victorians, Recreo or School. His opinion counts.

Operator N put a two and three of spades on an ace and a queen of spades on a king of hearts. "It is a very well balanced League this season," he said, "and you shouldn't count out the other teams. All they need is coaching."

The Little Flowers, for example, have lost out in that they no longer have Pat Graden to coach them. They are a promising team and they have one of the best goal-keepers in the League in Nina Carvalho and one of the best centre-halves in Mrs. Hill. It took more than just a goal-keeper to hold the Gremmins down to three goals.

"School" B are a much better team than results indicate. Their backs are good, their centre-half, the girl with an Italian name, is a great tackler, and their centre-forward, the Chinese girl, some of the best stickwork I have seen. Their wings are fast, and all they need is coaching. They don't even know the rules of the game properly."

"The DOGA have all the talent you need in a team. You must have a team to be able to hold down the Gremmins 'B' to one goal."

"Even the University are much better than I would have imagined. Their backs play well, they have good halves and a very fast right wing. I think School 'B' should have held them to a draw though."

Operator N had got so enthusiastic about the League's prospects that he missed a chance of laying the three of diamonds on the two of diamonds.

One of this column's earliest followers made a bright suggestion yesterday. He is now so fond of the Ladies' League that he has contributed his wife to one of the teams. He said, "Don't you think you could give the girls' telephone numbers with the team line-ups?"

"Two Gremmins we mentioned last so seemed enthusiastic enough. A Widget wasted no time and gave us her phone number."

However, anyone growing inordinately fond of a Gremmin, Widget, Victorian, or anyone else could easily discover her telephone number through either the Telephone Directory or the Dollar Directory. It is no use trying the Jury List, as most of the girls have contrived to keep out of it and it doesn't list phone numbers anyway.

"RECORDER"

Arthur Peall says:

THE CAVALIER TOUCH WINS SNOOKERS

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Hyderabad Police Win Rovers Cup

Bombay, Nov. 25. The Hyderabad police today won the premier Indian soccer tournament for the Rovers Cup for the second time in succession, defeating the Madras team by two goals to nil. There was no score at half-time.—Reuter.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 12th Race Meeting to be held on Saturday 8th and Saturday 15th December, 1951, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Telephone House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday 29th November, 1951.

By Order,
H. MISA,
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Through Tickets (at \$22.00 each) may be obtained at the Comptroller Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup" 1952.

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Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

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Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 11.00 a.m. on both days. The Secretary's Office will close at 11.45 a.m. each day. The Treasurers' Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st Floor, Telephone House. A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

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Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Boxes adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

HKU and YMCA To Open Shuttle League Season

The 1951-1952 Colony Badminton League opens this evening with what will probably be one of the season's highlighting games.

This is the clash between the two leading badminton clubs in the Colony—the University and the Chinese YMCA—in the Men's "A" Division.

Added interest should be given to this encounter by the new system of play in this Division. For the first time singles will be included, and the match will be played on a miniature Thomas Cup system, the only difference being that each singles match will be of one set of 15 points and each doubles match of one set of 21 points.

The singles games this evening brings into action six of the Colony's leading shuttlers. The "Y" will have the Colony Champion Baron Young, W. F. Foo and C. K. Lee, while the University will in all likelihood be represented by H. T. Heah, K. S. Lew and M. T. Yeow.

The doubles games should also provide thrills and excitement in plenty, as the undergrads have a reputation for their fast attacking playing in this department of the game.

The match between Craigie and Recreo has been postponed on account of most of the Recreo players being away at Defence Force camp.

FIXTURES

The following are fixtures in the Hongkong Badminton League, which commences today.

(First Round)
Monday, Nov. 26—YMCA v University; Recreo v CCC.
Dec. 2—University v Recreo; CCC v YMCA.

Dec. 10—Recreo v YMCA; University v CCC.
Thursday, Nov. 29—Kowloon Tong v CCC; University v Recreo.

Dec. 6—Recreo v Kowloon Tong; CCC v University.
Dec. 13—Kowloon Tong v University; CCC v Recreo.

Friday, Senior Mixed Doubles
Nov. 30—CCC v YMCA; Recreo byes.
Dec. 7—Recreo v CCC; YMCA byes.
Dec. 14—YMCA v Recreo; CCC byes.



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"SHANGHAI"	Singapore, Penang & Noon 8th Dec.	
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Humid Weather Is Harming National Gallery Pictures

London, Nov. 25.

A worried man walked round the National Gallery in London and prayed for a break in the "complex depression" which has lain off the British Isles for the past week and brought the wet warm weather.

From time to time he sighed and jotted in his notebook the details of yet another picture impaired by the humid atmosphere.

For the man, Mr. N. C. Howard, is "health inspector" at the gallery. And his job is to watch for deterioration in the condition of the nationally owned works of art which are so valuable that no insurance company will insure them.

The recent bad weather is feared to have caused considerable damage to the pictures. So far only one room out of the

50 in the gallery has been air-conditioned.

Mr. Howard has 50 pictures awaiting treatment as soon as they can be dealt with.

"I inspect the worst ones every day," he said.

"In some cases I give first aid with wax and tissue paper. That, at least, prevents the paint falling to the floor."

PAINT BLISTERS

In the "hospital," Mr. A. W. Lucas, the "house surgeon," as he calls himself, uses an amazing collection of equipment. A strand of human hair stretched on a metal frame tests humidity of the air. High humidity is one of the biggest enemies of Old Masters. It causes expansion of wood and blistering of paint.

Mr. Lucas is a painter turned restorer, and is one of the foremost experts in the world on this technical and delicate work.

His prize "patient" at the moment is the famous Botticelli "Adoration of the Magi." Painted in tempera on wood, it is in a bad way. The paint is flaking and cracks disfigure the picture. Dry rot has attacked the wood.

"Often," Mr. Lucas said, "these old painters used the tops of wine casks to paint on." The picture is worth at least £150,000.

He estimates it will take him 18 months to restore the picture.

Other pictures "in hospital" at the moment are the Holbein "Two Ambassadors," the Van Dyck "Charles I." and the Velazquez "Boar Hunt," badly burned by previous restoring work.

Racehorse Stables Exorcised

London, Nov. 25.

Because "eccentric" happenings were troubling trainer Harry Whitman's racing stables at Lambourn, Berks, the ex-foot-baller vicar, 88-year-old Rev. Ernest Rumsen, repeated a service in every room and every horse-box.

Ten days after the vicar toured the stables in supply and casock sprinkling holy water and making the sign of the Cross, the stables lads were saying:—

"It looks as if our troubles are over. Nothing has happened since the vicar's visit."

For years there had been mysterious footpats, the clicking of electric switches and strange noises at night. Mr. Whitman's secretary, John Hoodless, reported, in his moon-lit room, a man who vanished at a shout.

Mr. Rumsen, who was full-back for Ashford in the Kent League, in 1937, said: "I was satisfied that evil spirits were troubling the household. It was my duty as a priest to exorcise them."

"I used the traditional form of service for blessing a house. It took 45 minutes."

NEW CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

Karachi, Nov. 25.

A Pakistan-Indonesia Cultural Association was founded here tonight for "promoting mutual understanding, knowledge and goodwill" between the two countries.

The decision to form the Association was taken at a meeting of representatives of the Pakistani and Indonesian communities.

Mr. T. Khan, President of the Pakistani Constituent Assembly, conducted the meeting and was elected President of the Association.

Mr. T. M. Maimoen Habsjah, Indonesian Charge d'Affaires in Karachi, was elected Vice-President.—Reuter.

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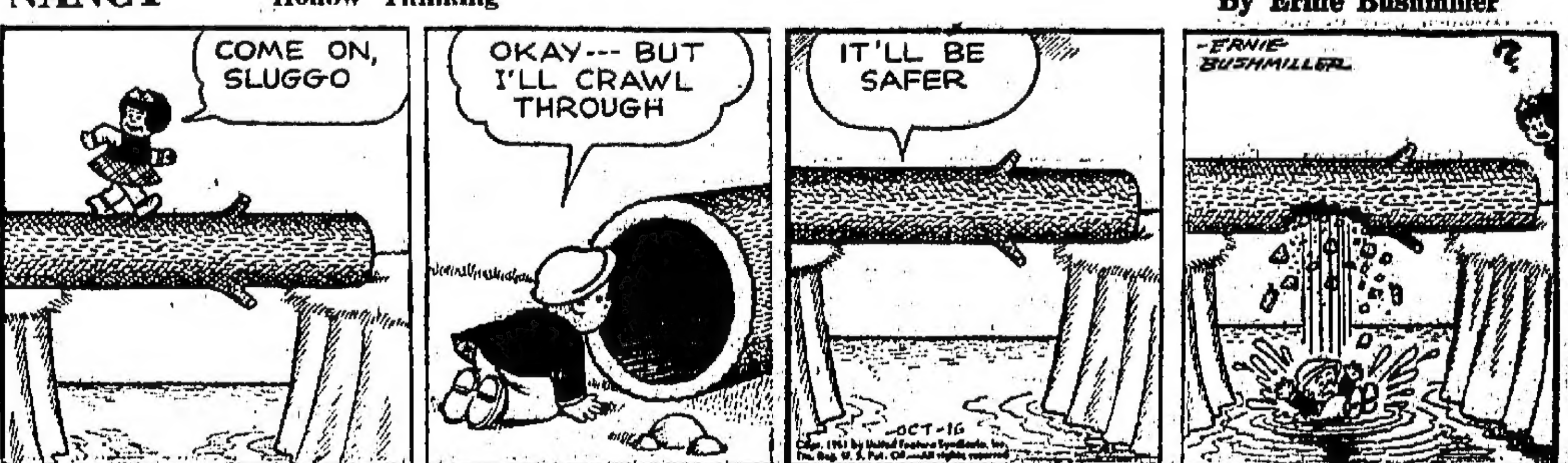
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Bassoonist Plays March In Court

London, Nov. 25.

"Colonel Bogey," the time-honoured British Army march to which generations of troops have devised salty words, was played in the magistrate's court here by a bassoon player.

The musician, Joe de Groen, was giving evidence in a case in which Max Weltman, trumpeter in the Johannesburg City Orchestra, was suing the city council for £22 for alleged wrongful suspension with loss of pay.

Mr. Weltman had been suspended by the orchestra's disciplinary committee after playing several bars of the march during a concert at Parktown Girls' High School.

The conductor, Mr. Gideon Fagan, alleged that certain well-known bars were "not decent" if played "in a certain way." Indecent words associated with those bars, he said, "especially in the Army."

And the bassoon player rendered the "doubtful" bars in court by way of demonstration.

Solicitors for both parties told the magistrate that the girls at the school did not blush, and showed no special reaction when Mr. Weltman played the phrase.

The case was adjourned indefinitely.

SINGAPORE AID TO TOURISTS

Singapore, Nov. 25.

Air travellers in transit will have all the information they need at Singapore's Kallang Airport.

A tourist information bureau has been opened to help travellers either coming in or passing through this city.

A Government department, United Press.

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America Expects Prosperity In Election Year

Washington, Nov. 25.

Economic experts predict that 1952 will bring election year prosperity to the United States with a resulting golden flow of dollars overseas to pay for bigger than normal imports.

The prosperity is foreseen because it exists now and because the Government is expected to encourage it, so voters will be happy when they cast their ballots for the President of the United States and a new Congress next November.

Happy voters usually credit the political party in power with their welfare. There is an axiom in United States politics that the incumbent party rarely loses an election in good times meaning when business is booming and jobs are plentiful with good pay.

There is prospect of a \$90,000,000,000 national income

this fiscal year. There was only \$33,790,000,000 in 1948 when Mr. Truman was elected President.

A "good time" in this country almost always stimulates imports, creating new business for many producers and exporters in other countries.

Imports in the first eight months this year amounted to about \$7,880,000,000, compared with only \$5,370,000,000 in the same period of 1950 and \$4,940,000,000 in the eight months of 1948, the last election year.

With prospects of an even more active economy in 1952, there is a normal expectation that imports will at least hold their own and are more likely to increase.

DEFENSE SPENDING

The increased budget this year and the prospect of an even bigger one next year is chiefly for the defense program of this country and its allies in President Truman's "crusade for peace" but it has the indirect result of stimulating reduction in variety of industries.

Jobs in the United States are currently running close to an all-time peak. In September, 61,560,000 persons were employed out of a total population of 155,000,000. This meant that nearly every able-bodied man or woman who wanted a job had one.

The Commerce Department reported that payrolls in the first nine months of this year were at almost \$140,000,000,000. The total personal income in the United States through September was \$252,350,000,000, compared to \$231,500,000,000 a year earlier.

The Department reported that personal savings were \$22,200,000,000 in September, in contrast to only \$4,600,000,000 a year before.

With jobs available in the current season, economists believe that there will be at least a similar situation prevailing a year hence, particularly if the Government carries out its plans for a larger budget and thus stimulates business even more.

With Congress controlled by the same political party as Mr. Truman, there seems a reasonable likelihood that it will have substantial funds for the next fiscal year despite the rising clamor against higher taxes and Government spending.

—United Press.

Constellations For India

Bombay, Nov. 25.

Air India International, the largest Indian airline, is negotiating with Lockheed Aircraft Corporation of California for the purchase of two super-constellations estimated to cost \$3,000,000.

The airlines propose to use the planes to fly trans-Asian flights. It is understood the planes are expected to reach India in 1953 if the terms of purchase and delivery are found to be satisfactory.

HIDE EXPORTS

Karachi, Nov. 25.

Pakistan hides and skins exports totalled \$4,000,000 rupees during the year ending June, 1951, officials sources announced.

Of the total exported, the United States, Germany, Japan and other hard currency areas accounted for 28,100,000 rupees. U.S. purchases reached 10,000,000 rupees.

The United Kingdom lag soft currency area buyers with a share of 9,440,000 rupees followed by Italy, Turkey and Sweden.

—Associated Press.

ATTEMPTING IMPOSSIBLE

Economists' Analysis Of Sterling Crisis

Imperative Need To Avert Further Devaluation

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Nov. 25.

Several eminent economists have this week contributed to the public debate on the future of Sterling in the modern world. Cause of the crisis no longer seems in doubt.

In Professor Lionel Robbins' words: "We had been driving our car through the difficult post-war country with the steering gear out of action, the wheels lashed rigidly in one direction, our only means of equilibration an occasional stop every few months for the wheels to be unlash and turned at another angle—while Ministers stood on the roof and delivered salutary exhortations."

Freight Dumping Menace

Washington, Nov. 25.

A United States shipping authority predicted today that Japanese merchant shippers will engage in "freight dumping" to increase their international competitive position.

Concern over future competition by Japanese shipping was expressed by Mr. Alvin Shapiro, director of research of the National Federation of American Shipping, an organization representing most of the United States ocean-going ship operators.

Mr. Shapiro commented to the United Press on an article published recently in the Japanese publication, "The Oriental Economist," by Ichiro Matsumoto, managing-director of the Shin Nippon Steamship Company, Limited. In the article Mr. Matsumoto said: "As long as Japanese shipowners adhere to a fair policy by doing their business in accordance with equitable considerations based on national cultural standards, there is no fear of any criticism against freight dumping."

On this point, Mr. Shapiro commented: "Doing business in accordance with equitable considerations based on Japanese national cultural standards leaves little doubt that in the long run such practices as freight dumping are imminent."

He added: "Transitionally Japan is one of, if not the lowest, cost provider of shipping services because of her national cultural standard. At the present time the free market is such that cargo offerings are extremely heavy. It would be both uneconomical and unwise to practice rate cutting, etc. However, it seems extremely over-optimistic to assume that with its low cost of operation, verbal assurances will prevent Japan from exploiting her low cost position when lesser cargo volumes are available and competition for traffic becomes infinitely greater than at present."

MOST UNUSUAL

Mr. Shapiro also objected to the standards of comparison of the size of the Japanese merchant fleet used by Mr. Matsumoto, who said that in 1939 Japan possessed 3,800,000 tons of ocean going vessels heavier than 4,000 gross tons. He said the delimitation of size at 4,000 gross tons and over is a most unusual one. "We generally recognize ocean-going vessels as being those of 5,000 gross tons and over."

In 1939-40 the Japanese merchant fleet totalled 3,800,000 gross tons of which 1,700,000 gross tons were engaged in true trans-oceanic trade, the balance trading in nearby Asiatic coastal areas, he said.

Mr. Shapiro said: "Our organization has never advocated carrying Japan from ocean trading. We have objected to direct American aid for rehabilitation of the Japanese merchant fleet beyond that which was required for her normal trading purposes."

"The danger lies not so much in the present rate of progress in development of the Japanese merchant fleet continues her disproportionate to the foreign trade that it is called upon to carry," United Press.

—United Press.

German Tanker's Maiden Voyage

Bremen, Nov. 25.

The 11,400-ton tanker Roland, West Germany's biggest merchant ship, left here today for the Persian Gulf on her maiden voyage.

The vessel, built in Hamburg in 1950, was badly damaged in the Mediterranean during the war. She was made 11 metres longer than she was originally and now has a length of 170 metres and a breadth of 21 metres.

The ship has a speed of 13 knots.

In other words, we have been going too far, too fast and without economic safeguards. We have been attempting the impossible.

By abandoning the link between the domestic and external economic policies we have been plunging headlong for disaster. Post-war policy has tended to treat internal stability and external solvency as separate objectives whereas in fact they are closely joined. Control over the internal economy has in the past been exercised mainly through the budget and direct control of investment, with the result that economic policy has been based on predictions which later facts have seldom borne out.

As Professor Robbins said this week, direct control has tended to be "behind the gun." "The Times" supported Professor Robbins' contention that we must adopt a more flexible policy in our economic affairs. The budgetary policy alone worked slowly and at rare intervals.

"When all stages of the framing and consideration of the Estimates and the lag between tax legislation and tax receipts are taken into account, two years rather than one probably represents the real cycle of its operation."

DANGEROUS SPIRAL

Internal inflation, barely contained by direct controls, has now broken loose and we have begun to witness an upward spiral of wages and prices that threatens our position as a great monetary power.

In these circumstances it is hardly surprising that the outside world should fear another devaluation of the Pound. Confidence in the Pound reached its lowest ebb just before the general election and resulted in an alarming drain on our external reserves. There are now indications that confidence is beginning to return but there is still a lingering feeling that despite the interim measures proposed by Mr. Butler nothing short of further devaluation will solve the payments crisis.

The first aim of policy must therefore be to restore and maintain confidence in the Pound at its present exchange value. This is of prime importance not only to the United Kingdom but to the whole Sterling Area.

Various means of achieving this aim have been suggested. Professor Robbins has stressed the need for "a mechanism sensitive to change from day to day and therefore producing adjustments to adverse movements while these are still small."

Such mechanism "must have full regard to the external balance. "When in surplus, expand; when in deficit, contract."

MUST BE THE RULE

There were many conceivable variants, he said, but that must be the chief rule of monetary systems which attempt to maintain the external balance at fixed rates of exchange.

"We must adopt that rule ourselves if the Pound is not to drop still further," he added. But, although the immediate aim of policy must be to re-establish confidence in Sterling, our long-term aim must be to restore the Pound to full convertibility. This was the theme of a lecture by Sir Cecil Kisch to a Commonwealth gathering in London this last week.

Convertibility, he said, was dependent on the establishment of restoration of the Bank of England's "discipline" over the volume of credit. "Once this was achieved, the road to convertibility would be clear."

The problem of convertibility, however, is aggravated by the existence of huge Sterling balances. With each fresh decline in the spending power of the Pound these balances deteriorate in value.

WOULD BE DISASTER

There are already signs that some members of the Sterling Area are disatisfied with this state of affairs, and even now it may prove difficult to prevent some breakaways. For this reason, if for no other, further devaluation would prove disastrous.

While it is clear that the only long-term policy for Sterling is full convertibility, the cohesion of the Sterling Area

Free Rice Price Drops In Malaya

Singapore, Nov. 25.

The price of free rice dropped from \$345 a picul to \$341.50 within two months after the price of Government-rationed rice was boosted and free rice imports from Thailand banned.

Surplus stocks, anxiety of rice dealers to sell and reduced purchases by Federation of Malaya dealers were given as reasons. Rationed rice, which is not considered as desirable as free rice, sells for about \$532 a picul.

Associated Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at \$309,895. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

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East Asia 125

INSURANCES Canton 762 1/2 75 @ 230

Union HK Fire 70 @ 143

DOCKS, ETC. Shai Dock 32 34

LAND, ETC. HK Hotel 60 200 @ 51

Shai Land 120 13

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INDUSTRIALS Cement 14 1/2 1000 @ 16

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STORES, ETC. 18 400 @ 18

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Business was done in the local

morning at the following rates:

U.S. Dollars (per \$1) 0.85

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Date	Ship	From
1st Dec.	"TITALENGRA"	Macassar, Java Ports & Singapore
6th Dec.	"TEGELBERG"	Japan
7th Dec.	"VAN REUTS"	Japan
9th Dec.	"RUYI"	Penang, Belawan Deli & Singapore
9th Dec.	"TIKAMPEK"	S. America, Africa & Singapore
10th Dec.	"TIBADAR"	Macassar, Balikpapan & Singapore
11th Dec.	"TIBADAR"	Calcutta & Singapore
15th Dec.	"TIJWANGI"	Macassar, Java Ports & Singapore
25th Dec.	"TASMAN"	Japan
1st Jan. '52	"RUYI"	Japan

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Date	Ship	To
4th Dec.	"TITALENGRA"	Singapore, Java Ports & Macassar
8th Dec.	"TASMAN"	Japan Ports
8th Dec.	"TEGELBERG"	Singapore, Africa & S. America
9th Dec.	"VAN REUTS"	Singapore, Penang & Belawan Deli
11th Dec.	"RUYI"	Japan Ports
12th Dec.	"TIKAMPEK"	Macassar, Java Ports & Singapore
15th Dec.	"TIBADAR"	Singapore, Penang & Belawan Deli
25th Dec.	"TASMAN"	Manila, Singapore, Africa & S. America
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Date	Ship	To
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